

Communism in China to stay, Shanghai residents believe

Reform Club to consider tax methods

The Reform Club of Hong Kong has formed a Special Committee to consider alternative methods of taxation. Members of the public have been invited to submit any ideas and suggestions to the Committee for inclusion in the discussions. Ideas and suggestions may be sent to the Secretary of the Reform Club of Hong Kong, Room No. 333, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road, Central (telephone 30785). When completed, the findings of the Committee will be submitted to Government.

CRA supports free trade in rice

The Chinese Reform Association, at a committee meeting yesterday, supported the request of Mr. M. M. Watson, made at the recent Budget debate, that Government should restore free trade in rice to merchants.

Attention was drawn by the Association that when control was first imposed in 1949, the then Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, said control would be lifted after the war.

The Reform Association also objected in principle to Government making a profit on the rice monopoly, and urged that the profit earned by Government on rice over the last four years, standing to credit of the Department of Supplies and Distribution, should not be allocated to the general revenue of the Colony, but should be transferred to a special welfare fund.

The Association suggested that if the control is lifted, merchants obtaining their rice from Siam from the allocation originally allotted to the Hong Kong Government, should pay a levy based on the rate of profit Government makes on its own imports. The levy is to be put to the special welfare fund above mentioned.

Court Brevities

For the snatching of a Parker 51 fountain pen from a police constable, who was in plain clothes, in front of a shop in Nathan Road on Wednesday, Li Chuen, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

On a charge of attempting to export 30 gold-filled wrist watches, valued at \$6,000, without a licence, Chua Pui-ying, who gave her address as the Good World Hotel, was fined \$450, while her nephew, Chua Sui-ping, was cautioned by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

According to Revenue Officer F. G. Carroll, defendants, en route to Manila, hid the watches among packages of pencils when they were searched at Kai Tak on Friday.

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Despite widespread disappointment with the first fruits of Communism in China and an apathetic desire to see it modified from its present dogmatic adherence to Soviet standards, most people in Shanghai do not believe that the Nationalists have a chance of returning, recent arrivals told the "Sunday Herald" yesterday.

Communism, for good or ill, is in China to stay, they said.

Any attempt on the part of the Nationalists to beat it back will ultimately involve collision with the armed might of Russia, whose experts have been regularly arriving in China and are now actively collaborating with their allies, the Chinese Communists, in defence plans.

The arrivals said Communism in China has encountered nothing but superficial antagonisms in recent months. It is not true to say that it is meeting with popular resentment, or that the bulk of the people are fermenting with revolt.

Disappointment with Communism does indeed exist in Shanghai and in a few other urban areas, like Tientsin and Peking. There is also some unrest in rural localities where the authorities are finding it difficult to cope with famine conditions. But nothing has happened to support Taiwan allegations that a Nationalist landing on the China Coast would be the signal for revolt, or that a landing could take place at all.

The arrivals made these points:—
1.) The rich have been dispossessed—but it was always the main essential of the Communist programme to overhaul the existing economic framework at the expense of the industrialists.
2.) Taxation has been heavy and sometimes unreasonable—but it was always legitimately undertaken according to statute, and not according to the previous Nationalist formula for enriching a clique at the top.
3.) The imposition of Victory Bonds, on the public has been excessive, but the money has been largely transferred to the armed forces who remain loyal and beyond corruption.

Position being consolidated

Nationalist propaganda, the arrivals said, has tried to make the best of the displeasure aroused by Communist taxation and the general hardships now being encountered by the bulk of the people.

But in effect the propaganda is pointless because Communism is daily consolidating its position. These things, they pointed out, are happening to perpetuate the rule of totalitarianism.

a.) The military link with Russia is gradually growing. Russian experts have arrived at all the big airfields, and Russian advisers are attached to the main armies.

b.) More nations are coming to recognise Peking as the legitimate Government of China. The latest instance being Holland, and the United States of Indonesia is due to take the step soon.

c.) The unseating of the Nationalist delegation at the United Nations is only a matter of time, according to agency reports. All these moves directly reduce the status of the Nationalists and enhance that of their opponents.

While the Nationalists are only able to claim an intensification of the bombing raids on Communist cities, the Reds have so consolidated their hold on the country that even if revolt were planned, it could never be executed, the arrivals said.

Army loyal

First of all, the Nationalists would require the support of troops now on the Communist side—something like a defection of thousands of men in the army, navy and air force who

went over to the Reds when the conviction grew that they were fighting for a lost cause.

These men have no reason to re-defect. They are well-treated by the Reds, have enough to eat, draw decent wages, and are the beneficiaries of all movements to extract money from the civilian population.

In fact, the arrivals said, the armed forces are so well considered by Peking that they are the regime's best guarantee against a Nationalist re-emergence. The troops will put down any revolt to prolong the life of a political system which does not regard them as negligible elements but the most important ingredient in a society of soldiers, farmers and workers.

Disappointment with the regime is heard mostly in cities like Shanghai and Canton, where economic conditions more than the mere fact of Communism are responsible for most of the privations. The arrivals said that apart from the dispossessed classes in the cities, the attitude of most people to a Nationalist return is one of complete apathy.



Taken at Tai Tam Reservoir yesterday, this picture gives a good idea of the dangerously low state of the Colony's water supplies.—("China Mail" Photo).

Laichikok Amusement Park to be expanded

The Laichikok Amusement Park is to undergo a \$1,000,000 expansion, the "Sunday Herald" learned exclusively yesterday.

The elaborate project involves the erection of two stage and cinema theatres—one in the open air—a floating dance floor and a Fair Play-ground with "wheel" rides, coasters and merry-go-rounds.

In an interview with Mr. P.Y. Chiang, General Manager of the Park, it was learned that the equipment including the latest type cinema projector ordered from Western Electric, in the United States, is on the way.

Plans for the new park have been completed and work on the project will begin in about three months' time and should be completed in August.

Main idea of the improvements is to cater to the public in winter pastimes, Mr. Chiang said.

The most elaborate aspect of the project is the floating dance floor. This will be built round the clock tower in the middle of the "lake" at the centre of the park. The clock under the tower will accommodate a dance band, to be engaged from Manila. Dancing will be held on the deck of the floor.

The plan provides for tables to be set in an open-air fashion on one side of the floating floor which will be large enough to hold some 200 couples.

Chinese operas

The park will have cinema and stage-show amenities. An enclosed auditorium, planned to hold 1,000 customers, will feature Chinese operas to be presented nightly. Adjacent to this, an open air theatre will be erected. The theatre will run cinema shows three times a night.

On a large section of the 12-acre amusement lot at Laichikok, a bazaar will be built in which more than 100 stalls will be accommodated. Concessionalaires for the stalls have finalised their agreement with the Laichikok amusement Park.

This centre of recreation in Kowloon was opened in the summer of 1947. The Park started with a flourish and for three summers has been patronised by thousands of local fun-makers. It began exclusively as a swimming pavilion where the numerous bathing pools became the main attraction. Bunting is another popular recreation in the park, which also boasts of a skating rink and attractive kiosks for meals and refreshments.

Chu Slick, master of motor junk M2467, was fined a total of \$150 by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on two charges of breach of licence conditions and conveying dangerous goods. The bag contained personal effects and money.

Inspector Orem said that defendant's junk was intercepted off Brothers Point and was found to be carrying 230 gallons of petrol and that the junk being a diesel engine one, defendant was not licenced to use petrol.

Shipyard wins case

The Acting Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams, in the Supreme Court yesterday delivered judgment in favour of the Cheoy Li Shipyard, of Ngau-chiwan, in respect of a claim for \$27,603.70 against the owners of the motor yacht "Mistress".

The claim, which was allowed with costs against defendants, was in relation to repairs to the boat by plaintiffs between July 1 and August 19 last year.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. F. H. Losby, was for the plaintiffs.

Evidence as to the repairs in question was given yesterday by Lo To, managing director of the shipyard.

The Court also made an order for appraisal and sale of the yacht against the defendants.

SALT AND FRESH FISH PRICES

Average wholesale prices of fish in the week ended March 30 were:—

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White Pomfret	1.10
Hair Tail	1.10
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Creville	1.10

Reminders

Today

HK Art Club, sketching party to Tai Po, members to meet at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.
Toe H. Classical Concert, 60, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Confirmation Service, St. Andrew's Church, 11 a.m. (GOC-in-C will read the Lessons)
Band Concert by Pipers and Dancers of The King's Own Scottish Borders, New Botanical Gardens, 3 to 5 p.m.
Band Concert at Kowloon Cricket Club by Royal Marine Combined Band, 9 p.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group meeting talk on "The Church in the USA" by Rev. P. Dutton, 8.45 p.m.
Indian Recreation Club, Children's Day party, 2 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Crown Land Auction land, PWD offices, 3 p.m.
East Asiatic Company, cocktail party, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 6 to 8 p.m.
Morality play "I Will Arise" at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, 8.30 p.m.

TUESDAY
HK Rotary Club, luncheon, talk on "Development in Postwar Japan" by Mr. B. Crane, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Toe H. meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Women's Section, European YMCA, Whist Drive, 10 a.m.

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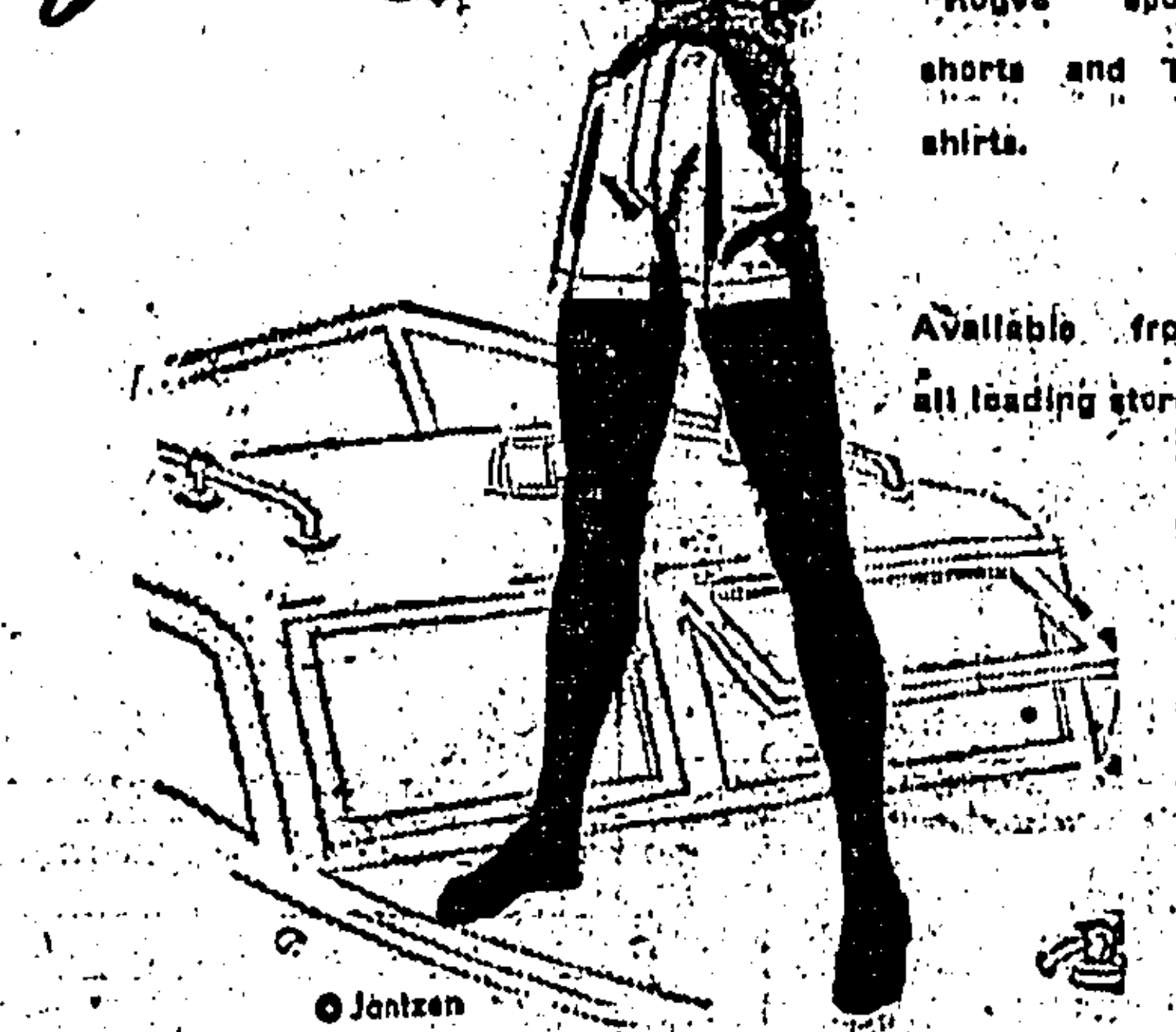
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(December 21—January 10)

Much mental activity in next few days and probably some important business reshuffles. If possible make any moves that matter on Tuesday. Financially a fortunate week though you may have to commit yourself to heavy expenses in a few months time.

FEBRUARY

(January 20—February 18)

Socially an outstanding period. Much can be achieved by short journeys, visits, skilful publicity. But family affairs probably reach a peak and some hasty revision of an older person's affairs becomes necessary. Don't neglect correspondence in next few days.

MARCH

(February 19th—March 20)

Activities during the first half of the week may be held up by family claims. Also, someone on whom you counted is likely to be late or let you down. Towards end of week a stroke of business "luck" or a windfall.

APRIL

(March 21—April 20)

"Grander" luck possible early in week. Alternatively, you complete plans for travel later in year. A period of much business activity and social success, but also of possible health problems.

MAY

(April 21—May 20)

In spite of anxiety about an older dependent or close relative, happy and successful week. Schemes hatched in next few days should do better than expected. Don't hesitate to plan travel, new ventures, personal changes for October or November.

JUNE

(May 21—June 20)

In spite of heavy commitments and possible worry about home affairs, this can be considered a

WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

JULY

(June 21—July 20)

From business angle this should be a thoroughly propitious week. Additional profits, trade expansion, useful changes all likely. On the personal side a difficult period; make an attempt to fight depression, stand up to criticism in work.

AUGUST

(July 21—August 21)

Looks as though you will be in the thick of some long-standing dispute, possibly about an official matter or finance. But new schemes continue to do well and you have encouraging news from overseas. Don't hesitate to follow up any suggestion made to you on Friday.

SEPTEMBER

(August 22—September 22)

A speed up this week in some long drawn out undertaking. You may get within sight of your goal at last. Family affairs may give cause for rejoicing towards end of week. Easy times too if an employer; if employed, some chance of promotion.

OCTOBER

(September 23—October 23)

Useless worrying about the past or taking older people too seriously. Get on with the next job and plan changes or travel. Some hold-up likely in house-hunting or property scheme.

NOVEMBER

(October 24—November 22)

The re-appearance of a former friend or associate may provoke trouble in next few days. But provided you can keep mischief-makers at bay, you should do well this week. Money comes in from family sources, from property, from newly launched ventures.

DECEMBER

(November 23—December 20)

Effort and initiative should be quickly rewarded in next few days. Unless expecting people to keep their promises or appointments though this week. Good prospects for speculation or social life on Friday and Saturday.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2: FOR MOST OF US: Emergencies likely to develop before night. Be ready to make decisions, changes at short notice. Good for outdoor life and sport. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Orange, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Better face the fact that this will probably witness a complete change-over in your affairs. Unless you are very closely tied or very thoroughly settled in your routine, an important reshuffle will probably develop about October or November.

Round about June you will probably sense what is going to happen. Something unexpected will occur about that time to turn your thoughts in the direction of the change. Better keep yourself a free agent as far as possible and be ready to cope with emergencies and queer situations.

There seems little need to worry financially. You may run into

complications early in the year but all seems well by Christmas time. Also, changes about should work out very well in the end. Although you will probably get the chance to travel, it might not be advisable to do so. If you have to go abroad, try to postpone your journey until about October. Whether or not you travel, though, a house move seems inevitable this year.

In your personal affairs too there are changes ahead. Misunderstandings are likely to develop in the family circle unless you are careful. Also, some close association will probably break up this year, but it is difficult to see whether it will be a business link-up or a more intimate tie.

MONDAY, APRIL 3: FOR MOST OF US: The morning hours may be difficult, but take heart. Successful conclusion to a controversial deal likely late in day. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Wine Red, 3, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Although this new year of life may open with doubts and difficulties, you may rest assured that before many months have passed, a change for the better will occur. After October you should be able to clear up most of your existing problems and something happens that promises well for the future. So don't be in a hurry to make changes or embark on important projects for the first six months of the year. Round about Christmas time would be the best period in which to stage momentous changes. If you are after a better job or out to make more money, set about doing so from the middle of November onwards.

Although the first few months of the year may bring some heavy expenses and complications connected with family money, it looks as though you would "strike lucky" after that. There is the likelihood of a windfall, speculative gains or unexpected rise in salary before the end of 1950.

You may get a chance to go overseas, but prospects of benefiting thereby are doubtful at first. If you intend to travel, don't move before October, and consider carefully the advantages of settling abroad.

It is a good year for marriage and for domestic affairs generally, but relationships with older people may be somewhat strained. Socially it may be an outstanding period and if you have ambitions in this direction, it would be worthwhile going all out to realise them late in 1950 and early in 1951.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4th: FOR MOST OF US: Do your best to tackle long-standing problems in a new and original way. Discard old scheme or idea might be profitably utilised this afternoon. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Sage Green, 8, Jade.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: You will probably be in rebellious mood during most of 1950 and anxious to break away on new lines. But taking a long view it would probably be better to keep in touch with present associates

and stay in the job you have at the moment. Revise your methods, bring yourself up to date, but don't neglect long-standing ties or ignore the value of work put in during the last few years.

Financially it should be a prosperous year and you may benefit through legacies towards Christmas time or early in 1951. Dealings with officials would go through easily throughout the 12 months and you would probably benefit rather than lose from new regulations or legislation.

Don't hesitate to speak your mind this year. It will probably be worthwhile asserting yourself, airing your ideas though they may seem to run counter to those of older and more responsible people. It should be possible to develop your own personality and at the same time keep on the right side of those in authority.

Investments in land or property should flourish this year, and if you have surplus cash in hand, consider buying a new house. Although there is likelihood of travel round about June or July, this is likely to be a settling down rather than one of movement.

In personal relationships, better consider family prejudices and feelings. A new friendship that proves stimulating and helpful may have to be kept in the background for some time. If single and considering marriage, make sure that the family approve your choice.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5: FOR MOST OF US: A practical, down-right attitude pays today. Don't take business or financial risks. Good for sport. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Scarlet, 9, Ruby.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Born with the Sun in Aries the chances are that you are an independent self-reliant person. This year these characteristics will stand you in good stead. Success and happiness in 1950 depends on your being able to stand on your own feet.

Financially there is a troublesome patch ahead towards Christmas. Make sure that you are not spending more than you can afford or that speculative deals will not turn out badly. Safety first should be your policy in most business matters this year.

In other ways it would be well to take risks. You will probably be in excellent health, full of energy and able to stand the strain of a business drive or extra

effort. Concentration and industry will bring very satisfactory results before the end of the year. If sports-minded, there is a good chance of your excelling yourself in 1950. But socially it may be a disappointing year; don't count upon making a hit in that way in 1950/51.

Better keep sentiment in the background throughout the 12 months. Women friends and relatives in particular will try to work upon your feelings and may involve you in trouble unless you are careful. Men friends are likely to be a standby and a help throughout the year. If thinking of marriage, better not embark upon the adventure without due consideration.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6: FOR MOST OF US: Let half-completed jobs wait a little longer; concentrate instead on building up good will and new ideas. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Pastel Shades, 6, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Don't worry if a little trouble arises over family affairs or old investments early this year. Towards your next birthday and probably before Christmas you will strike a better patch and feel more at ease about the future. Better not be in too much of a hurry during the next month or so.

It looks as though you would have to pay out on some long-standing claim or debt. Also, a project which means a good deal to you is slow in going through. If your schemes involve property or entail the revival of some old association, better postpone them until next year.

About August you should make a useful line-up that will probably benefit you early in 1951. If aiming at promotion, a business drive, or some important social move, make your plans for some time between the middle of July or early September. Towards the end of the year you may get a chance to travel, though if you go abroad this year take care of health. Incidentally, it might be worthwhile concentrating on keep fit precautions throughout 1950, particularly if you have had digestive trouble in the past.

If unmarried, wait another year before you plunge into matrimony. If already settled, you may have to cope with mischief-makers in your circle of relatives and in-law. Probably the most satisfactory line-up you make this year will be those quite outside your usual circle and that involve people of unusual personality or ability.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7: FOR MOST OF US: Somewhat stormy conditions but it will be worthwhile going ahead with new schemes, drive and determination carries the day. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Bright Yellow, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Although you will have to fight your way this year, there is every

chance that you will look back upon the period as a time of business and personal triumphs. Provided you don't behave too rashly or make too many enemies, all should be well with you this year.

Changes would be worthwhile, particularly if undertaken about August or just before Christmas. New schemes of every kind will probably flourish in 1950/51. Don't be half-hearted about what you do; the more ambitious you are the better this year.

Business competition will be keen and your adversaries may try to drag you into a scandal of some kind. But there seems no need to worry about finances; you will make money one way or another satisfactorily throughout the year.

There is some likelihood of overseas travel or much to do with people from abroad. Your health should be excellent in 1950, but if much on the move, better remember that accident risk will be rather higher than usual.

This will probably be a brighter year for those already married than for single men and women. If now unattached, a short-lived love affair may disturb your peace of mind this year. If already settled, you seem likely to benefit through your partner's friends and relatives and to make a very satisfactory deal over a new house.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8: FOR MOST OF US: Encouraging portents this morning, though the result of what you have in hand will come as a surprise. Later in day indications ideal for entertaining, social life. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Leaf Green, 4, Emerald.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Your birthday stars prove a serious hitch-pot of good and ill luck this year. On the whole, though, the good outweighs the ill. You should go far in your particular calling, make money and friends in 1950/51.

Make all the changes you can in the next few months. New schemes would do particularly well round about June and July. If you initiate new schemes just after Christmas, you may find there is unexpected opposition to your plans.

Financially the outlook is encouraging throughout the year. You make money in new ventures, probably gain through speculation or windfalls. Periods when you are likely to do particularly well in money matters will be December and February.

Travel is very probable and you could not go wrong if you went abroad this year. If you do not travel, then develop foreign business, see all you can of people from overseas. There is the likelihood that you might be able to combine business and pleasure while travelling in the next few months.

Although 1950/51 will bring you a great deal of happiness be prepared at the same time for disappointment within the family. It is a good year for engagement and marriage and particularly propitious for new friendships. But one close association is likely to break up unexpectedly. Hence happiness and cheerful outlook will alternate with periods of uncertainty and depression this year.

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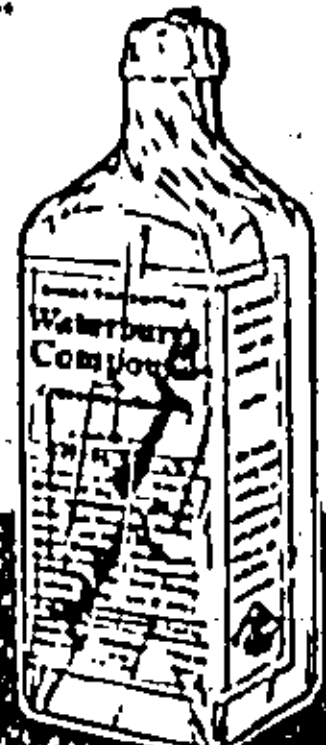
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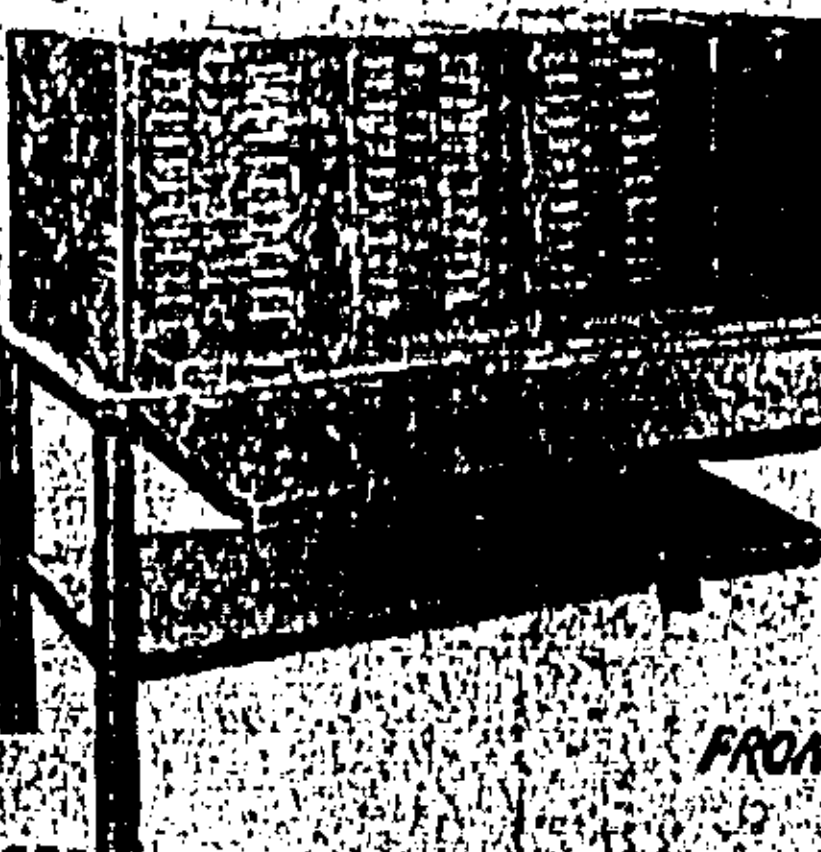
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At the fashion show

This year's Eastern fashion parade at the Skyroom Ballroom on Friday was the most successful in the Colony's history. Although it was a financial and social success, people were naturally more concerned with the main elements of the show—the fashions and the models.

Of the fashions, I think the evening gowns displayed by Josephine C.—designed by herself—were the most outstanding things exhibited. There were also loud applause and cheers for the latest swimming costumes and play suits. In all colours of the rainbow, alluringly feminine, décolleté, and dangerously scanty.

The models were perfect, beautiful, young, and graceful. There were 17 of them, a handful of charming Water Babies—a concession to Kingsley in the Disney style.

It may be unfair, but I would like to single out Mrs. Martin Hansen for particular mention. It is safe to say that she was the most outstanding model of the show. There were bursts of applause every time she appeared.

She attracted attention by her pert, boy-boy coiffure, her regal bearing, and perfect figure. She walked across the springy parquet flooring of the Skyroom with the grace of a faun emerging from the woods. There was in her approach something essentially lacking in the others—a professional control that imparted distinction to every movement.

Distinguished civil servant

Mr. Paul Tsui is the first Chinese cadet from Hong Kong to have completed training courses in the Colonial Administration Service. He is at present the District Officer in the New Territories.

He was chosen to take part in the CAS under the Devonshire Training Scheme of October 1946. A total of 150 cadets were recruited from all parts of the Commonwealth, and Mr. Tsui was one of the six representatives from Hong Kong, Malaya, the Fiji Islands and Western Africa.

His training took place in England, where he spent most of his time in Oxford and London uni-

versities. He returned to the Colony in January 1948.

Mr. Tsui is a graduate of Hong Kong University. He was born at Fanling, a beautiful village in the New Territories where his aged father is still living.

During the war he worked with the British Army in Free China after having escaped from Hong Kong, which was then occupied by the Japanese. Just before the war ended he was commissioned as a captain.

His father is the founder of Wah Yen College.



MR. PAUL TSUI

His job, which he finds interesting, calls for a lot of commuting between Hong Kong and the New Territories. His main task is to raise the standard of living of the farmers in outlying areas.

He likes his task and is ready to embark on many schemes which will progressively improve their lot.

On March 1 he received his wartime degree of B.A. from Hong Kong University where he was major in Chinese Studies.

Singer does well

Miss Dora Chih, Chinese soprano, delighted the audience last Sunday night at The Clippings when she sang with the Hong Kong Light Orchestra.

Her selections were very difficult and she could have sung a few easier numbers with greater effect. But the overall impression was still satisfying.

Tall and stately, she cut a fine figure on the stage. She has a beautiful voice, and training has mellowed it so much that a command of tone is hers. Her only fault is her inability to hold a high note, which most Italian arias demand.

Her repertoire consisted of operatic selections by Puccini and Verdi, which call for considerable pyrotechnics. They entail an almost continual employment of the full musical scale. Singers as a rule do not attempt them until perfect assurance has been achieved.

Dressed in a flowing Chinese frock of white satin with sequins and pale, brilliant moderns, Miss Chih was regal and impres-

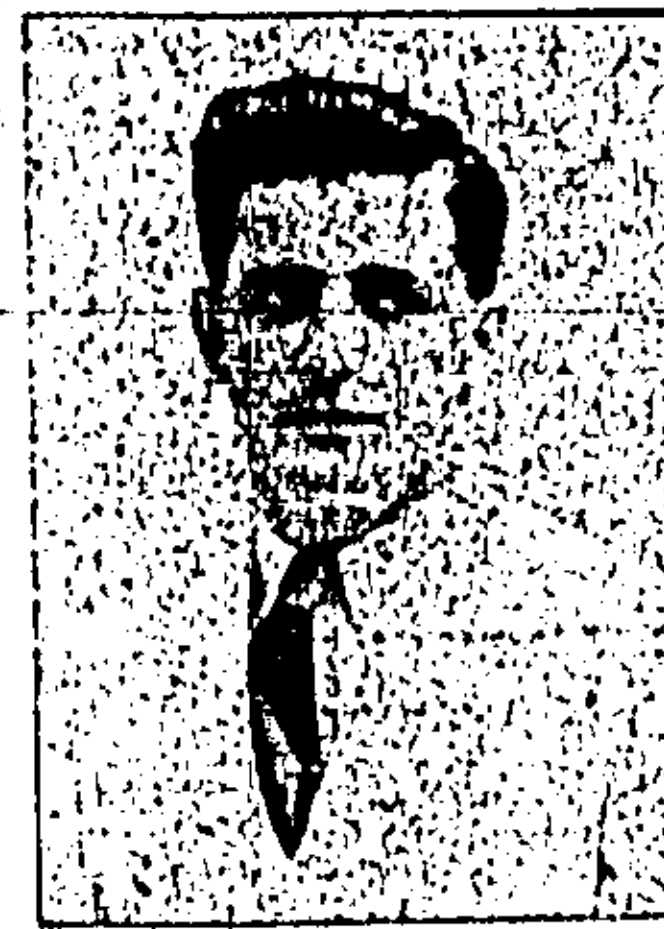
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By The SCRIBE

Shipping man

Mr. Michael Oremus, freight sales representative of the American President Lines, is one of the youngest Americans in Hong Kong with an executive position. He has been here for a few months only, and intends to remain until the middle of next year.

He has been with the APL for a number of years, and came to Hong Kong from a position as Chief Officer on board the President Madison.



MR. MICHAEL OREMUS

Now 28 years of age, Mr. Oremus is unmarried. He was born at Sault Ste. Marie, in Michigan.

He came to Hong Kong after the APL adopted the policy of assigning only trained men to shore jobs.

Mr. Oremus was interested in shipping from school days, and soon after completing his education he joined the Great Lakes Waterways, an organisation which shipped iron and steel from the United States to Canada.

When the war broke out, the United States Maritime Commission withdrew personnel from the Waterways company for merchant marine service, and Mr. Oremus was assigned arduous duties as Third Officer on an Atlantic Reinery Company tanker.

All during the war he worked on merchant ships, and had a thrilling experience in the Bay of Bengal with a Japanese submarine, which failed to put his tanker out of commission. The action was interesting, and the little Japanese underwater craft was full of tricks and subtlety.

In 1944, although still a young man, Mr. Oremus was commissioned a Lieutenant Commander.

After the war he was sent to Singapore for the APL and later came to Hong Kong, where he has remained ever since.

He is a personable young man, with a great interest in club affairs and organisations which promote the welfare of youth. He sits on several committees of the American Club of Hong Kong, and is also a member of the Board of Electors of the proposed Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Oremus is a shipping man who believes that the power of the American seamen's union is contributing to the unpopularity of American freight and passenger ships all over the world. United States seamen are so aware of the rights accorded them by management who must comply with union demands that their conduct is too often misunderstood by international travellers.

He is very interested in his work, but finds a lot of time to enjoy the amenities of Hong Kong. To him there are only two places as beautiful.

still carrying on, but they no longer belong to the Kiang family. Mr. Kiang came here by a ruse, because travel permits to Hong Kong are hard to get. The exodus from Shanghai has been so large recently that many restrictions have been imposed to keep the departures down. He had a friend in Canton cable him that his "sister" was very sick and required his presence urgently.

Her Italian is convincing, but she did not always seem to be aware of the meaning of the words.

I think Miss Chih believes that audiences at concerts think little of sopranos unless they sing difficult arias from Puccini and Verdi—which is not true at all. There are many lovely songs by Schubert, Debussy and Brahms which she might have sung with greater effect.

And too many Chinese singers forget that in their own language there exist many fine songs composed according to Chinese standards but in a Western vein. They are perfectly suited for inclusion in any light programme.

Until the world had applauded her as one of the greatest singers of the 20's Madame Schumann-Heine sung nothing but German. Her impresario, Sir George Alexander, used to complain that it was impossible to translate the sorrows of Camille into the language of Wagner. But she had her way, and he was so impressed that in his memoirs he wrote that from that time on he never allowed singers to perform in any but their own language.

Once a rich man

Mr. James Kiang, whose father once owned cotton mills in Shanghai and Kiangsu, reached Hong Kong last week a poor man. The Communist authorities, by taxation and confiscation, had dispossessed his family.



MR. JAMES KIANG

He came to Hong Kong by train when the conviction grew on him there was no place left for people of his class in the society the Communists are now trying to build.

A few months ago his father turned over his Shanghai establishments to the factory-hands when taxation and their demands made his management a nightmare. Today the factories are

quite apart from what has happened to him personally, he does not believe Communism in China can succeed.

The atmosphere in Shanghai is one of hopelessness. People are afraid of the future.

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Taxation is so incredible that merchants have to pay fines for unsold goods.

He says his father never thought that taxation under Communist rule would be as excessive as it is. An honest effort was made by most Shanghai industrialists to adjust their managements to the Communist pattern, because in principle they had accepted Communism as a factor they would have to reckon with.

But in Shanghai the authorities were quite willing to permit factories to fall into ruin rather than let employers work on a system whereby the basic fabric of their organisation would be preserved.

The elder Mr. Kiang's bank balances were systematically investigated, and any surplus had to be used to buy Victory Bonds. When he did not have enough money to pay his staff, they made him dispose of his personal effects as a means of raising cash.

Things got so bad—the factories were useless anyway because they were turning out piece goods nobody had any money to buy—Mr. Kiang finally called in his workers and told them he had decided to turn his business over to them. They could run the factories, and divide the profits.

"When I left Shanghai one week ago," his son said, "my father had lost everything."

This despoliation has not only overtaken the Kiangs, because according to recent arrivals the whole city is in chaos. Communism, instead of providing a panacea of all good things for the poor, has simply ruined the rich and made the poor poorer.

Mr. Kiang has no hope of recovering his father's fortune, unless events in China change appreciably for the better in the near future.

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Popular violinist

Mr. Victor Orloff, well-known local violinist, is giving a recital at the Chinese YMCA, Kowloon, on April 19. He will be assisted by Miss Wong Kuk-ying at the piano.

Mr. Orloff is regarded by music circles here as one of the Colony's leading virtuosos, and his concerts have evoked considerable comment.

He would not be in Hong Kong but for the outbreak of the Soviet Revolution and the escape of his parents to Harbin. He was born in Russia in 1913.

He liked playing the violin from early youth. His father wished him to learn the piano, but he insisted on the violin because it is a much more tender instrument.

"I am able to express much more on the violin than on the piano," Mr. Orloff tells me. "You play the piano with your fingers, but you play the violin with your heart."

Mr. Orloff studied under Professor Schoferbalt when the family migrated to Shanghai. The Professor taught him the first lesson of the violinist—that only patience, a keen ear and infinite regard for tone will produce beautiful music.

He came to Hong Kong in 1949 and intends to apply for naturalisation.

Mr. Orloff teaches violin for a living, and is content to make do with a few pupils who really love the instrument and are not learning how to play it because their parents want them to.

He regards violin music as the loveliest ever written, and naturally thinks Paganini—apart from the legend of his exceptionally long fingers—the greatest violinist who ever lived.

Mr. Orloff does not possess a Stradivarius which is sometimes auctioned at Christie's for as high as £80,000, but an instrument by Galliano, another Italian of high craftsmanship.

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He feels that Hong Kong is not very interested in the violin, simply because—like the human voice—it requires an accompaniment for the best effect.

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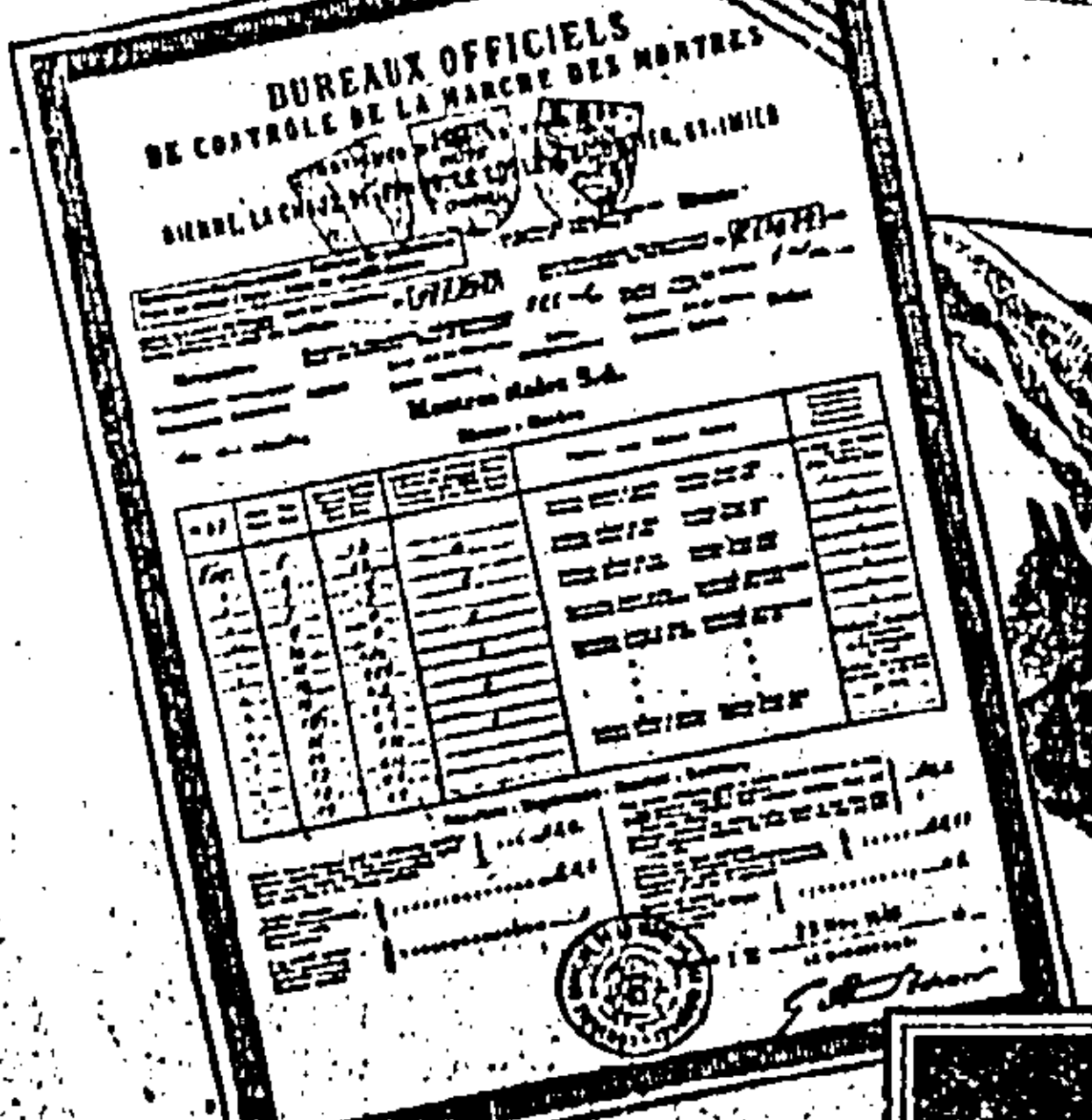
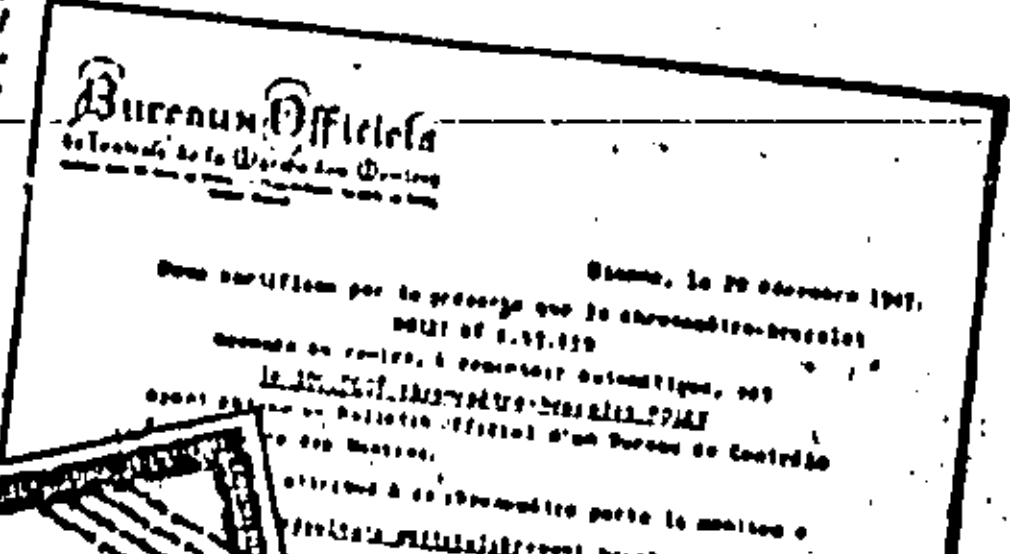
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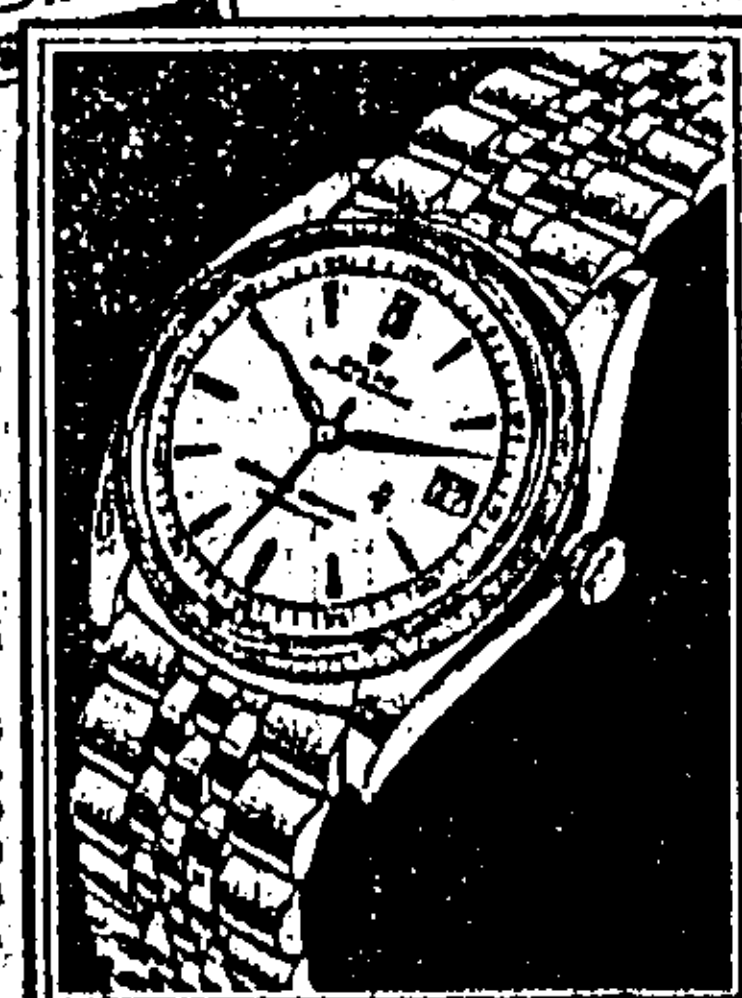


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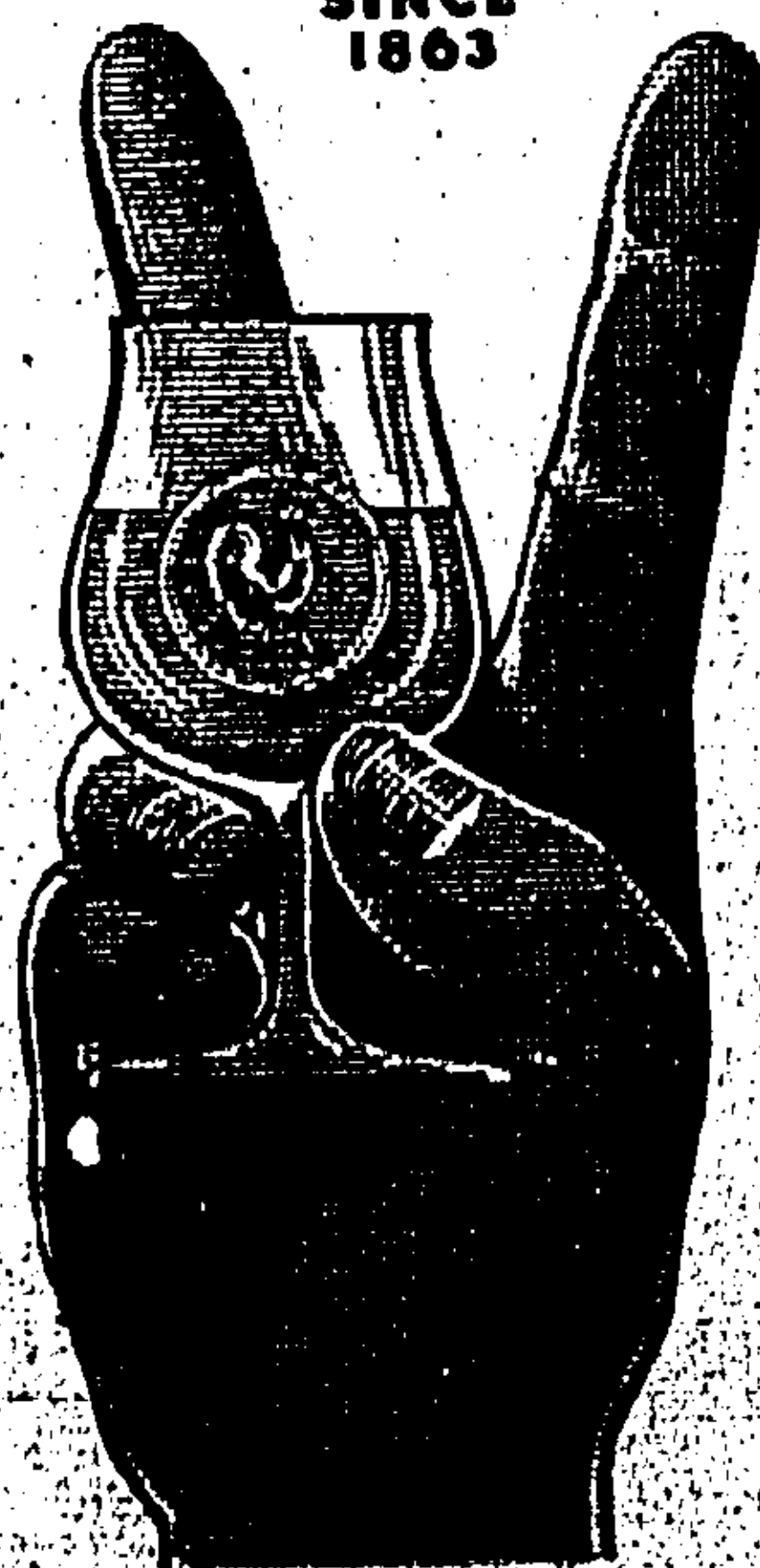
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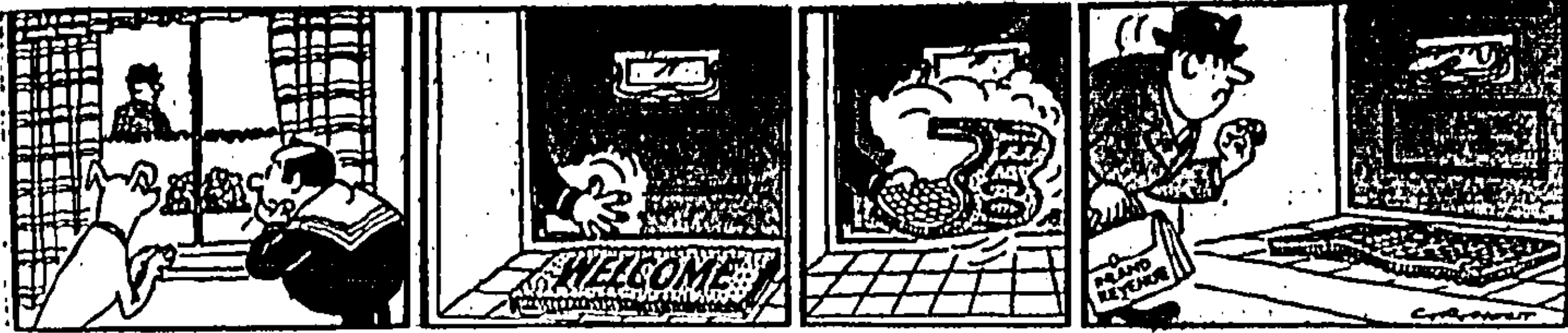
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Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

Francis Marshall and I said good-bye to our ever-loving families and, in the interests of readers, set out for a fact-finding week on the tiles.

Many visitors to London find a list of names of little help in deciding where to go, either to eat quickly or for a gay evening—and Londoners, in their turn, often wonder where to go on Sundays—so we sampled as many places as we could in the time.

If your favourite restaurant is omitted, excuse us on the grounds that nobody could cover ALL London in under a year. Did we discover where you can get double lamb chops for half-a-crown? Frankly, no. But we did think the food as a whole was a vast improvement on that available at this time last year. It is never cheap to eat well, but the cost is not necessarily prohibitive.

We discovered, too, that famous clubs like Ciro's or the "21" are much more available to the visitor than is generally supposed. The Board of Trade have granted special facilities to allow overseas visitors to enjoy such luxury as we have to offer without paying a year's subscription. And we natives don't need to be chums with two dukes to get in.

Roughly speaking, all that's required is a clean, sober countenance, good credentials, and the entrance fee. The clientele range from royalty to racing types. (And the latter might be said without disrespect to include royalty.)

Ciro's depends largely on what the French call "ambiance," translated as "atmosphere-plus." On the dance floor evening dress is obligatory. There is always the balcony for renegades.

The decor is of dark red plush and upholstery, with white-painted wrought-iron screens, lights, and balcony rail. Even when the place is crowded the food and service remain

good. Dinner for two, with champagne, costs about £6. Another place fairly loaded with ambience is the "31 Room." In the oyster bar the walls are festooned with ropes of vast pearls (plum-pom balls coated with nail varnish).

In what was once the ballroom of the Earl of Chesterfield are tables bearing silver candelabra—which used to belong to Lord Londale. There is a Hungarian orchestra with a brilliant pianist, and seemingly everywhere at once is partner Rici Dajou.

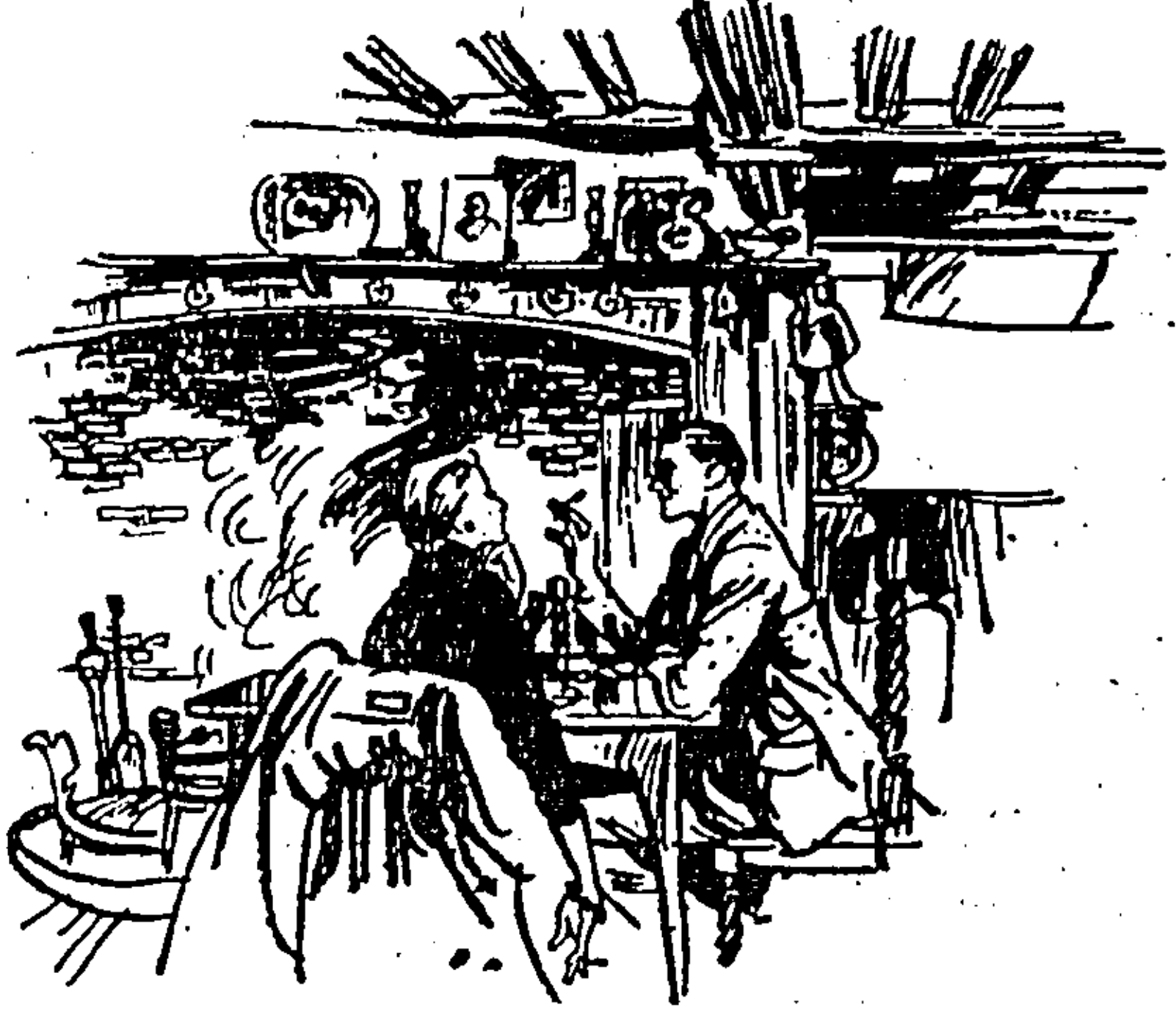
Food here is ambitious. The customers at the "21" are royalty (occasionally), foreign diplomats, visiting Americans, and

its heyday. The walls are hung with theatrical prints, the banquettes are red plush, the waiters are mostly elderly and nice to you. Heigh-ho! Them was the days.

Down Knightsbridge way we liked the Riviera Restaurant in Beauchamp-place. Owner, Mrs. Hunter-Blair, is also a half-time chef. She wrote to me months ago when I complained in this column about English cooking. No arguments, Mrs. H.B.—you can cook all right.

At the George and Dragon, Old Brompton Road, Vines, Marianne and her handmaidens serve you more than you can eat, with smiles and speed. On the tables are cigarettes and lighters, around the walls treasures of miniature furniture. Remark-

NIGHT OUT WITH IRIS ASHLEY and FRANCIS MARSHALL



Curzon Street British. Staying up till 3 a.m. here is quite painless. Cost is about the same as at Ciro's.

Then there is Soho (sometimes called Soho-1—because so many people are seen there dining tete-a-tete by other people who don't want to be seen either).

The entrance of the Jardin des Gourmets is misleading. As the name suggests, the interior is pleasantly gardenlike. Your first and last course will be adequate, the main dish probably excellent. With cocktails, or beer, it will cost you about £1.

The Cafe Bleu, or Victors, is less ambitious and rather less expensive.

Rules in Malden-lane is still very pleasant. It reminds you of a "pup off the Cafe Royal" in

BUNGLING AIDS REDS

Looking back on the Labour Party's handling of the Seretse Khama affair to date, one cannot but be amazed at the degree of bungling and ineptitude displayed.

Published statements, as well as answers in the Commons, indicate that the Government attempted too late to do some frantic back-peddalling. It will not suffice for Mr. Gordon-Walker to eat his humble pie in small, secret doses, like a gully chowboy sucking sweets in mid-sermon.

The inherent dislike of the Bamaqwato for mixed or otherwise unorthodox marriages is in fact probably not a whit less strong than that of the members of Capetown's or Washington's most exclusively "Caucasian" club.

Only special conditions caused Seretse's tribe to grant him a vote of confidence more conclusive than, for instance, that obtained by the King of the Belgians. It was a pity that the colour question should have been allowed further to bedevil an already tricky situation, for Seretse's choice of consort, like King Leopold's, was only an added aggravation of an inevitable crisis.

There was, however, no necessity for the British Government to handle this crisis in such a way as to obtain the very worst of all worlds. In the first place it should never have been dealt with by a Minister whose office is concerned rather with appeasing self-governing Dominions than with defending the rights and liberties of the subject peoples of the Colonial Empire.

Yet that does not excuse Mr. Gordon-Walker who is surely in a better position than most to understand the sensitive psychology of the coloured peoples of the British Empire, so many of whom are now for the first time being submitted to the challenge and charms of Communist propaganda.

Indefensible

Mr. Gordon-Walker may perhaps have sought to do justice, but he has not been seen to do justice. And one result is that all over the Caribbean the Calypsoes are now spontaneously crooning out Communist themes.

In six weeks at the Commonwealth Relations Office Mr. Walker has undone not only the work accomplished in five years by his fellow Socialist, Mr. Creech Jones at the Colonial Office, but much else besides.

Perhaps before long Seretse will come to display some of the qualities of statesmanship and intelligence which neither Balliol nor his wiser uncle Tshekedi have yet managed to instil in him, though he has not yet committed any indiscretion of such consequence as that of Mr. Gordon-Walker.

Certainly, if he receives justice, he can be counted upon to testify before coloured people everywhere that Britain is neither as inept nor as ignoble as the follies of Socialist administration have lately enabled the Communist Party to proclaim her.

Bevan fails

Mr. Gordon-Walker is not the only Socialist Minister whose performance has been causing un-

pleasantness among Government supporters. Mr. Aneurin Bevan twice came to the box in order to defend himself from charges of maladministration.

In each case he failed to adjust himself to the requirements of the new narrowly balanced Parliament and relied upon the sort of oratorical onslaught upon his opponents, interlarded with irrelevant quotations from Marxist anthologies, which once made and maintained him for over four years, the darling of Labour's lobby jigger.

When Housing was the subject of debate, his refusal to reply at all to the serious criticism of such able and expert Tories as Mr. Marples depressed even his most enthusiastic fans among the Socialists, many of whom now think that the moment has arrived to hand over Housing to the able and more sympathetic Minister of Works, Mr. Dick Stokes.

Then he attempted to show that the carefully drafted Tory amendment criticising the Chancellor's failure to control expenditure was a veiled but dastardly attack against the Health Service and the Health Minister.

Like many other Socialists less self-centred or megalomaniac than himself, Mr. Bevan has emerged from the election believing much of the mendacious nonsense which he put about during the course of it. He has always wanted to think that the "subversive" half of the population was like his fellow-Socialist Mrs. Bradstock in that it "didn't care if the other side starved."

Tory supporters

Thus it completely escaped his notice that the Tories, whose middle-class supporters stood enormously to gain from an efficient Health Service, were anxious not to destroy that service but to establish it on foundations firm enough to resist its undermining by abuse or extravagance early in its existence.

It is true that the Tories did not oppose the principle of starting with a comprehensive scheme. But had they been able to forecast more accurately the extent of the improvidence of Socialist finance they would have insisted that, in view of the country's straitened circumstances, some order of priorities should have been decided upon.

That is clearly the enlightened point of view, and it was well put during the debate in a brilliant maiden speech by Tory Mr. Ian McLeod, whose knowledge of the social services is obviously very great.

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THE SEARCH FOR STRENGTH

It may well be that the visit of the Pakistan Prime Minister to Delhi to confer with Pandit Nehru on the task of finding an enduring solution to the problem of communal strife will give a new turn to relations between the two countries. The atmosphere is favourable. The Kashmir problem has still to be solved, but fighting stopped long ago and there is a better prospect of getting on with the issue of the plebiscite. A big jute deal has just been put through between the two Dominions. Possible solutions of the deadlock over the different currency rates arising out of the devaluation of the pound are being hopefully discussed in various quarters.

It has been laid down as a first principle of policy, by Mr. Dean Acheson, that negotiations with Russia can only succeed if they are entered upon from positions of strength. The most sensible application of this principle in the case of India is to settle first of all the paralyzing problems that make both Dominions valueless in the balance of strength. Their unity even on a basis of neutrality in the cold war in Asia is more valuable than their joint or separate participation in any plan for South-East Asia under present conditions. It is no help at all to play one against the other.

Only after the Indian sub-continent has been put on a solid basis of agreement can much be done to deal with South-East Asia. Diplomacy should follow the routes taken in the war, moving progressively from the Indian Ocean and from the Pacific, and consolidating these bases as we go along. The North-South line is fallacious. It can be created only when conditions within the South line make it possible. Perhaps by that time it won't be necessary anyway.

Consolidation in India would enable the Commonwealth to speak with a firmer voice about conditions in Burma and help to bring about agreement there. A Peace Treaty with Japan would do much to take care of the Pacific end of the problem, while a clearer picture of the evolution of events in China is unfolding. In the end the two great arms of the return democratic tide may meet again through solutions in Indo-China and Malaya, and a stronger and more representative regime in Siam.

It is most important of all that Mr. Dean Acheson's principle should be confirmed in his own country. The performance of ignorant politicians in exorcising traitorous devils in the State Department is both disgusting and weakening. What Stalin thinks of this reversal of his own methods was to be seen in M. Viktorov's contemptuous invective. Some other means ought to be found than those pursued by the Wisconsin Senator. Members of Congress should not be so far above the law as to have the right to traduce, calumniate, and slander official or public figures with absolute impunity. Charges of treason should be the subject of a judicial enquiry, not a political circus, and accused should be on the same basis, in pains and penalties.

Senator McCarthy has launched another diatribe against the American he denounced as the "chief Soviet agent." Those of us who have known Owen Lattimore from the time he came from school at St. Bee's in Cumberland to join his family in Trenton know how well this brilliant

SCIENTISTS SEE RED

It is unfortunately a fact, of which we have recently been reminded, that many distinguished scientists give their support to the Communist Party.

Effects are not without causes, so scientists assure us, and we should therefore seek to discover the cause of this disturbing effect. In the first place, it would be well to rid our minds of the false belief that because a man is very clever in one way he must of necessity be equally clever in another.

Points of view.

There is no reason to suppose that the greatest mathematician of the age is any better fitted to give an opinion on politics than the average bartender. In point of fact, the bartender's qualifications are superior, because he is in close touch with human beings and the science, or art, of politics is the science, or art, of dealing with men.

I remember reading an article by one of the leading mathematicians of our own age, and time is wasted in explaining that it would matter little if the Germans were to conquer England, because the English people would continue to lead their own lives and would ignore the invaders. The House of Commons would make the laws that we should obey, and we should pay no attention to any order issued by the enemy, until the latter, painfully conscious of their unpopularity and suffering from social ostracism, would be glad to return.

It had never occurred to this brilliant thinker that the Germans would put half the members of the House of Commons to death and the rest into a concentration camp.

Unpredictable

He had never known people who behaved as Hitler and his friends behaved, and not having met them he rashly assumed that such people did not exist.

Of the science that I learned at school little remains with me but there is one law that I have not forgotten because I learned by heart "The volume of a gas varies inversely with the pressure upon it: to what, if you double the pressure you halve the volume." That law, like all laws of science, is true of gas at any time in any place. But such laws can be laid down with regard to human beings, because the reactions of men are unpredictable.

Defence is at present the most important subject confronting Britain, just as it was in Hitler's thirties.

But neither now nor then has the nation realised it, or the Government had the courage to court unpopularity by forcing its realisation.

Moreover it cannot be fully discussed in public. Mr. Churchill sought to get round that by asking for a secret session. But a secret session during war is one thing and during peace another.

During war the terrifying pressure of facts may stop leakages. During peace the safeguard is altogether weaker. We have earned enough distrust from our Allies already by the Klaus Fuchs case, and cannot afford to court more by taking the muzzle off the "secret" session.

Nevertheless something different is needed for this subject than treatment along the ordinary lines of party controversy with each side watching the reactions of the untutored voter.

Mr. Churchill mentioned, for instance, a whispering campaign at Malta during the recent election, in which it was alleged that if the Conservatives won they would lengthen compulsory service. Nothing better could be devised for swinging the Service vote to the Labour side.

American scholar, traveller, linguist and thinker can look after himself. He has more brain (and certainly in his Rugger days more brawn) as well as moral and physical courage, than any man of his size we ever knew. When he takes the monocle out of his eye and talks back at the Senator, we would very much like to be there.

What really is one to think of a mountebank who calls the State Department "a close corporation of untouchables." Even Mr. Churchill could be convicted of visiting Moscow, and addressing long messages of goodwill and cheer (but hardly of love) to Stalin! And a few days ago he repeated in a speech in Parliament whose lofty statesmanship has been widely acknowledged—his warning on the necessity of talks on the highest level with Moscow. But there is little purpose in them, while the American Secretary of State and his Department are being held up to ridicule and obloquy in this fashion in their own capital.

If we were to say that "the reluctance of a man to do a bad action varies inversely with the amount of money that he is offered to do it: to what, if you double the offer you halve the reluctance," this, though it might be true of some men at some times, would certainly not be true of all men at all times.

Seeking a system

When, therefore, the innocent scientist rashly wanders into the field of politics he seeks for a system, for principles and rules that

—By
Sir Duff Cooper

can be plainly stated and safely relied upon. Suppose that a scientist were to come first to the Tory Party and to ask for a plain statement of their theory of politics, he would certainly not get one; for the long survival of that party is due largely to the fact that it has always concealed its aims, preferring the safer guide of practical experience.

If he then sought out the Liberal Party, and were lucky enough to find it, he would possibly be furnished with a number of theories, but unfortunately they are all defunct.

Coming then to the Labour Party he would discover, to his surprise, a strange unwillingness to discuss matters of principle.

The Labour Party today resembles a man who has done everything well, but whose younger brother has gone to jail. So anxious are they to sever all connection with the black sheep of the family, whose name is Communism, that many of them are prepared to deny that the Communist Party exists.

The scientist is thus driven into the arms of the Communists, where he meets with a warm welcome, an answer to every question, and a complete, apparently logical, system, carefully worked out by a German philosopher.

The scientist, who is a kind creature when he is not dissecting live frogs or designing hydrogen bombs, is delighted to learn that the ultimate objective of the system is to promote liberty, equality, and universal peace. That is good enough for him. He does not press his inquiries so far as to learn that all it has produced so far is the Police State, the largest concentration camps, the systematised murder

of political opponents, and preparation for war throughout the world.

Party first

None of these results has, of course, anything to do with the theory, which is the cause of them. The scientist is satisfied with the theory, signs on the dotted line, and goes back into his laboratory, where he may be left in peace, unless his research leads him to any discoveries that could be of value to the war lords of the Kremlin.

In this latter eventually, he is apt to be reminded, rather forcibly, of his loyalty to the Party, which, he is assured, must come before any loyalty to a country which may be his native country, or one in which he has sought and found refuge from persecution.

The scientist, whose mind has been "voyaging through strange seas of thought alone," is brought back to earth with a bump, and it is distressing to recall that arguments addressed to his idealistic beliefs are sometimes reinforced by such mundane inducements as £100 or a bottle of whisky.

This article refers to distinguished scientists, men who have attained distinction and are usually elderly or middle-aged. That the Communist faith makes an equally strong appeal to the younger scientists is doubtful, for Communism as a religious faith is beginning to lose its hold.

Cuts himself off

The scientist goes into his laboratory as a believer goes into a monastery. He cuts himself from the world, and for him what seemed true, in matters non-scientific, when he was young remains true for the rest of his life.

Many of these old scientists are probably unaware that in the Soviet Union today, that stronghold of reactionary imperialism, science itself has been made too the line, and that the most firmly established scientific facts, if they fail to conform with the fantastic theories of Pope Stalin, are denounced as heresies and are punishable as such.

To the man in the street science is a dark and potent mystery, which controls his life and may well cause his death. The scientist seems, therefore, a man of tremendous intelligence, whose opinion on any matter deserves respect. But in truth the man of science, outside his own restricted circle, is neither cleverer nor wiser than his fellow-mortals, probably a little less so on account of his cloistered existence.

NEGLECTING THE ESSENTIAL

And yet the question whether or not to lengthen compulsory service is one of the last which should become the subject of demagoguery. A wrong decision about it may in the sequel cost the country its existence. There ought to be a clear understanding between the two great parties, that neither will seek here any electoral advantage.

Needs clearing away

A misconception which needs clearing away is that we are spending sums on defence al-

By
Scrutator

together beyond all, peace-time precedent. The total of £780 million is hailed as enormous. But this ignores the depreciation of money.

A rough plan nowadays in comparing present with past figures is to divide totals by three. That gives here £260 million and it is not unreasonable. Every step in the mechanisation of war increases its cost, and similarly the cost of preparing against it.

So, too, a comparison of our strengths now and in 1914 and 1939 can easily be misleading. In 1914 we mobilised six divisions on the outbreak of war; in 1939, four. Today we have two divisions in Germany, and are equivalent of about another two in Malaya and Hong Kong; so we are not out of scale with 1939.

The real ground for alarm to-day lies in comparing not what we spend now or do now, with what we spent or did on former occasions, but what we face now with what we then had to face. In 1914 we were members of a Triple Entente; our functions in it were mainly naval, and adequately met; the military aid fee to France and Russia, whose armies on paper much exceeded those of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

In August, 1939, our criminal folly had allowed Hitler to rearm Germany on a vast scale. But we had on our side the French and Polish armies, together about equal to his; and the successive Polish and French disasters lay yet in the "womb of time."

Today we have confronting us from Germany, bases a Russian army and air force, each enormously larger than Hitler's, and between them and the Channel coast, nothing but a very weak France—ridged with Communism and defection, capable eventually, let us hope, of being re-educated into self-defence, but as yet far from it: as indeed

she must be while her conscripts serve for one year only.

If the Russians moved tomorrow, they could be at Boulogne in a very short time; their rockets could be shot at us from Hitler's old bases in vastly greater numbers than his; and for every bomber that he sent they could send a hundred.

One thing only, as Mr. Churchill has repeatedly said, has thus far averted catastrophe—the lead possessed hitherto by the United States in respect of the atom bomb. But (thanks largely to Klaus Fuchs) that lead is now being seriously overtaken. Russia will soon have, if not as many bombs as the United States, at least quite enough to hope for success against enemies so much more vulnerable than herself.

The gravity of such an outlook ought to be much more frankly impressed on the public; and the Government and Opposition leaders should consider jointly how best the limited resources of the nation can be used for our protection.

The most fundamental threats are the bombing of our island and the submarining of our ships. The defence against the one is to multiply fighter aircraft; against the other, to expand the Fleet Air Arm. In both cases the realistic increase will be far greater than anything as yet contemplated.

Careful measurement

Suppose we meet these demands (which will mean increasing not only the fighting strength of the RAF and Navy, but their demands upon the national industry), how much shall we have left for other needs and the other Service? This will require very careful measurement, for however we may fancy in peace that we can do without much of an army, we shall always find it indispensable when the crash comes.

Mr. Shinwell is probably right in rejecting the suggestion that National Service yields too many men. What is wrong is that with only 18 months' service the proportion of men in training to trained men is too high. A man has been a useful soldier for only a few months when he is discharged. Probably nothing can mend this but a revelation to two years' service—the minimum indicated by Continental experience. Such a revelation might help France, once it came to take her army seriously. To form a German army seems to most of us far too risky; to restore an effective French army is indispensable for European defence. But the condition of any such restoration is that we ourselves should be seen ready with ourselves to make a fully effective contribution.

Why there are child criminals

Recently a boy in the East London juvenile court pleaded guilty to stealing a bicycle. His father made the excuse that it was due to the corrupt neighbourhood in which they lived. I severely rebuked the father, for I am convinced that so long as his training at home has been good no boy need become corrupted by his environment.

It is true that there are certain black spots in London and in other large cities where thieves

from those exceptional cases, most parents do want their children to become better than perhaps they themselves have been able to be.

It is when the mother is not in the home to influence her children when they need her most that the environment may have a bad influence on those who come from good homes.

It is a most fearful tragedy that married women in Britain, in order to increase the export trade, have been encouraged to go out to work, so that they are not in the house to give their

By Basil Henriques, chairman of the East London Juvenile Court

and receivers are known to reside, and from these streets come many of the children who appear before the juvenile courts.

Parents lie

But I do not believe that they are in trouble because they have been influenced by the other children in the district, but rather because they have not set to them in their own homes an example of truthfulness and schools.

There are many children today who are terribly puzzled by the different and often contradictory standards of morality which they learn in their homes and in their schools.

They are taught in school the wrongfulness of lying and swearing and cheating, and then when they go home they often see the very people to whom they should look as an example of the right kind of behaviour doing the very things they have been told are wrong.

It is not at all uncommon for the parents in such homes to be charged in the adult court with receiving the things which their children have stolen. They do not inquire where the things have been "found," and they pretend to believe the stories the children tell them.

Occasionally a mother and child go out together and are both guilty of stealing from the stalls or multiple stores, the parent being dealt with in the magistrates' court and the child being sent to the juvenile court.

Often children hear their parents tell direct lies, and they copy them and see no wrong in what they do. From the point of view of morality, there is nothing more awful than the outlook of a child whose parents are living apart, each with another man or woman by whom they may have had illegitimate children.

It is not unusual to have to ask quite small children: "Which mum do you mean, your own mum or the mum your dad's living with?"

Grave danger

There is a very grave danger of those of us who sit in the juvenile court getting a distorted view of morals. The number of children who are charged, too large though it is, is really extraordinarily small compared with the 985 out of every 1,000 children in the neighbourhood who never get into trouble, and who, in spite of their bad environment, grow up into fine men and women.

I often think that it is a miracle that so many of them are so good, and then I realise that, apart

children their breakfast and see them off to school, and worse still when they are not there to welcome them home after school.

I should like to see it forbidden for women with children of school age and under to go out to work before 9 a.m. and after 4 p.m. The general public would be amazed to know how many mothers of children in trouble are at work before and after those hours. This is a very real cause for juvenile delinquency, and anyone who employs a woman with children of that age during what should be the forbidden hours is contributing to delinquency.

Instead of complaining about the number of "wicked" children, it would be better if members of the public took care to see that the mothers at home are helping to create them.

Even when the housing conditions are so bad or so overcrowded that the children have to spend their hours in the streets, if the mother is at home she at any rate knows where they are and what they are doing. If she is at work she has no control over them, and it is children such as these who come under what may be the bad influence of the neighbourhood.

Best influence

But I am quite sure that if both the parents have shared the responsibility of bringing up their children to understand what is right and what is wrong, and if they have been consistent in the discipline inculcated into them, the self-control taught them, the punishment meted out to them when they have misbehaved, and the praise and encouragement given to them when they have done well, that influence will be so much stronger than the influence of what they may hear or see in the street that their children will have the power to resist the temptations and to rise above their environment.

After all, "there is no place like home," even to those brought up in the most unhappy and sordid homes. It is there that, from the cradle, children form their habits of thought and of action, and it within their homes they have learnt to feel and to see love and goodness and kindness and charity, they will have been prepared to meet the temptations which face everyone of us right through our lives, and to resist them quite regardless of the standard of our neighbourhood.

When in Rome we only outwardly do what Rome does. Really we go on behaving in exactly the same way as we always do, having formed the habit of behaving like that from our very earliest childhood.

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LONDON SPECULATION ON ANGLO-CHINESE TALKS IN PEKING

London, April 1.

Official quarters decline to comment on an account of current negotiations between Britain and the Chinese Communist Government in Peking, published in a Paris newspaper under a London dateline. The account said that Britain had accepted three conditions as preliminaries to the establishment of diplomatic relations with China.

These were:—

1. That Britain should transfer to the Peking Government all former assets of the Nationalist government on British territory—particularly in Hong Kong and Kowloon, including capital reserves, ships, planes and foreign sales organisation for tungsten and wolfram.
2. That Britain should support Peking's right to represent China on the United Nations Security Council.
3. That Britain should break all diplomatic relations with officials of the former Nationalist government and close her consulate in Taiwan.

No formal demand

In the absence of official comment, pending the negotiations, in former observers here say that the question of Chinese assets in British territory, although raised in Peking in a general way, would not have formed a subject of detailed negotiations. They said Britain's attitude on the Security Council representation is well known. Although Peking's representation has been publicly critical of

Britain, among others, for abstaining from voting, there has been no formal demand in Peking negotiations for British support at Lake Success as a condition for establishing diplomatic relations.

They further point out that Britain has no diplomatic relations with the Chinese Nationalist government in Taiwan, and retention of a consular official in Taiwan is solely for protection of British interests.

India's position

The French report also claimed that India, which concluded her negotiations with the Chinese Foreign Ministry in Peking on March 22, finished by accepting similar conditions to those demanded of Britain.

Observers here comment that similar conditions cannot possibly apply to India, as there are no Chinese assets in India.

India has already voted for Communist China's representation on the Security Council, and India has no diplomatic contact with the Nationalist government in Taiwan whatsoever.

Inside information

By MERCURY

A West German firm has snatched a big Swedish contract from Britain at the last minute. Lower labour costs enabled it to underbid by 25 per cent the British tender for a giant mobile crane.

British Overseas Airways are studying South American routes with a view to expanding present services.

Turkey wants to order fast cargo ships from German shipyards.

Security agents have been drafted to Pretoria to guard the atom secrets of the South African National Physical Laboratory. It has been noticed that the staff of the Soviet Consulate-General numbers more than 20.

Britain is aware of Kremlin directives to Communists to penetrate ex-Servicemen's associations, including the British Legion.

Premier Salazar of Portugal and Pandit Nehru will clash in the UN on the claims of India to Goa, Portuguese colony South of Bombay.

The U.S. has developed a new anti-malarial drug for its forces in the Far East.

President Gottwald of Czechoslovakia is under supervision by Kremlin agents, but his removal from office has not yet been decided.

The Soviet Union is suggesting to Britain that Communist China should be accepted by the UN. In return it hints at atomic control talks.

Mr. Maurice Webb, new British Food Minister, has been instructed to de-ration food to the utmost by July 31.

The Law Society has decided that it can take no action against Asiatic and Colonial law students who were active in supporting

the Communists during the General Election.

The Czechoslovak Consul-General in London, Eduard Raza, a friend of the sacked Foreign Minister Clementis, has received orders recalling him from his post.

The chief Czech delegate to UN Hodek, is also in danger of recall.

The Government, aware of restrictions on British Service attaches in Moscow, have turned down a proposal from the Defence Chiefs for reprisals against Soviet attaches in London.

Indian politicians want to raise the Seretse Khama case in the UN.

The slipway on which the Atlantic "Queens", the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth, were built has been reinforced. Scottish shipbuilders expect another giant liner to be laid down.

Colonel Chokecki, Polish military attaché in London, who is suspected of British sympathies, has been detained in Warsaw and will not return to his post.

The Russian broad gauge railway-line has been extended via Misklo as far as Budapest.

Czechoslovak newspapers were ordered not to mention the fact that Western diplomats have laid a wreath on Jan Masaryk's grave.

The British Government are considering freeing trade with Belgium on the same lines as the Anglo-Scandinavian free trade agreement.

Both Conservative and Socialist parties are split on the wisdom of raising a German contingent for defence of Western Europe. The British staff appreciation is that defence will not be feasible without Germany.

Reports from Western Germany show that there is a growing pacifist movement against any re-arming.

President approves arms for Asia

Washington, March 31. President Truman was reported by Government officials today to have approved the idea of sending American military weapons to bolster Indonesia, Indo-China and Thailand against the threat of Communism.

Diplomats most familiar with the planning work on the military aid projects describe as premature reports which have recently circulated here that shipments of arms will begin in the immediate future.

A considerable amount of planning remains to be done and Mr. Truman, who is personally administering the \$75,000,000 fund, has yet to give his final approval to detailed plans and specifications.—Reuter.

BRITONS LIVING LONGER

London, March 31.

Britons learnt today that they are living longer despite austerity rations and the biggest tax worries in the world.

The annual report of the Ministry of Health showed today that Britain had its lowest death rate on record in 1948-49.

Sir William Jameson, Chief Medical Officer, named ideal weather and an absence of influenza as helping to make the year memorable from the health point of view.

The total death-rate of 10.8 per 1,000 reflected a 20 per cent decline in the mortality at all ages compared with 10 years ago.

Infant mortality and deaths from tuberculosis, measles, scarlet fever and whooping cough all dropped to record low figures.

Cancer deaths increased by 1,087 to 79,537 compared with 1947, but chiefly, the report said, because there were more persons then living at ages most subject to cancer.

Britain, it was maintained, was ahead of many other countries in its treatment of cancer on the principle of a small number of fully equipped hospitals.—Reuter.

CANAL PROJECT IN CHINA

San Francisco, March 31.

The Chinese Communists said today they are mobilising 250,000 peasants to dig a canal 125 miles from the Yi River to the Sea in Northern Kiangsu Province.

The Peking Radio, in a broadcast heard by The Associated Press in San Francisco, described the work as requiring mobilisation of peasant masses of the whole area.

In what sounded suspiciously like a pressure campaign, it said the Communist Party and New Democratic Youth League members are using a blackboard, dramatic performances and every variety of publicity to gain recruits and are leading the peasants to greater and greater effort.

One squad leader, dubbed "Big Spade Wang," was said to be so enthusiastic that he got up and dug by moonlight to get ahead of schedule.—Associated Press.

RATIONING IN GERMANY—ENDING

Bonn, March 31.

All rationing of food in Western Germany will cease on May 1 when sugar cards will no longer be issued, a Government spokesman said today.

Supplies, he said, are ample to meet demands.

The only commodities in West Germany still officially rationed are coal and petrol.

For some time past, however, it has been possible to purchase these items without coupons.—Reuter.

Vietminh attack starts

Salon, March 31.

Heavy Vietminh (Communist-led insurgent) losses in three days of fighting in Cochinchina were claimed today in a French communique.

The French losses were slight, the communique added.

A usually well-informed source said that two Vietminh divisions are engaged in the fighting, which is still going on.

The insurgents are said to be equipped with modern arms, which were recently received from China or Siam.

Four French battalions are reported to have been sent to the sector. The sources put the French losses at 30 men.

Fighting is also reported in Tongking Province near the Chinese border.

The French Headquarters communique said "parachutists were dropped on Wednesday to help rescue French posts. A small number of French watch towers were evacuated or taken by Vietminh troops, but all the main posts stood up to the attacks.

Artillery and aircraft supported the French action.

The objective of the Vietminh attacks, the communique added, appeared to be to blow up the French system of posts and watch towers set up the triangle Tien-tung-Cau-nam-Dinh in the territory near the mouth of the Mekong River.

Usually reliable sources report a large-scale arms traffic between Communist China and Tongking, where Vietminh forces control the border between Laos and Cao bang.

Recent Vietminh attacks, they said, were supported by artillery and mortars received from China. The Vietminh are building roads to the frontier and the Chinese are improving communications on their side, the same sources added.—Reuter.

Cairo, March 30.

Press reports said today that a fire destroyed 129 houses in Rah Ania, a small lower Egyptian village, on Wednesday. Three persons were injured.—United Press.

ACHESON ON EXPLOITATION OF SINKIANG

Washington, March 31.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today accused the Soviet Union of apparently resuming the detachment of Sinkiang Province from China on a grand scale. Mr. Acheson was referring at his weekly Press conference to radio announcements from Moscow and Peking of a Sino-Soviet agreement on Sinkiang.

He described the terms of the agreement regarding Sinkiang's oil resources as an impairment of the sovereignty of China.

Mr. Acheson recalled how several weeks ago he had emphasised Soviet moves against China's border provinces as one of the most significant developments in Asia today.

"When the text of the Sino-Soviet agreements concluded in Moscow was announced, I pointed out that the important thing was not the provisions in them but the results which would follow from them.

"The recent announcement in the Soviet Press of the setting up of joint companies to exploit the oil and mineral resources of Sinkiang Province gives further point to what I said.

"We now see the apparent resumption on a grand scale of the process of detachment of Sinkiang Province, a process begun years ago and interrupted only briefly during the most desperate period of the last war.

Familiar device

"The device being employed is that of the joint stock company, now familiar as an instrument of Soviet economic penetration and control in Manchuria and Eastern Europe. It seems clear that the effect of one of the unpublished agreements arrived at in Moscow last winter was to award the Soviet Union permanent rights in China's strategic Western provinces.

"The peoples of Asia will be interested to know that under the terms of the agreements, as announced, one half of the mineral and petroleum production accomplished will go to the Soviet Union, leaving only one half for the use of impoverished China.

"Evidently Soviet economic aid is not cheaply bought, requiring, as we see in this case, both the impairment of sovereignty and the relinquishment of 50 per cent of current production."

Taipei reaction

In Taipei, the Chinese Nationalists today bitterly attacked the agreement for exploitation of Sinkiang province.

A statement by George Yeh, Nationalist Foreign Minister, said the agreement clearly opens the way to Soviet economic domination of Sinkiang and has no validity whatever with the Government and people of China.

Russia has long had some special rights in the huge far Western province of Sinkiang, but Mr. Yeh noted that when the Soviets in 1949 wanted a new economic pact, negotiations broke down because the Nationalists rejected the aggressive economic designs of the USSR.

"The Red agreement just announced contains the very clause which we rejected and shows how little the Chinese Communists value China's economic rights and political independence," he said.—Reuter and Associated Press.

PRINCESS SEES FLEET COME IN

Valetta, March 31.

Princess Elizabeth today watched the Mediterranean Fleet, in which her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, is serving return to Malta from its spring cruise.

Watching with binoculars from Fort St. Elmo, which flew her personal Standard, she waved and took pictures with a cine camera.

The ships of the Fleet, including the destroyer Chequers in which the Duke sails as First Lieutenant, fired a 21-gun salute. Another spectator, as the Mediterranean Fleet steamed in was Don Juan, Pretender to the Spanish Throne, who was on board the liner Italia returning to Lisbon from Rome, where he attended the Holy Year celebrations.

The Italia embarked 200 Maltese emigrants for Canada and the United States.—Reuter.

NO CANADIAN ARMS FOR REDS IN CHINA

Ottawa, March 31.

Officials of the External Affairs Department today denied the charge that Canada is guilty of supplying war materials to Communist China.

"Canada has never shipped arms to the Chinese Communists," the official said. Canada has also stopped sending military supplies to the Chinese Nationalists. There have been no recent shipments of arms by Canada to the Nationalist forces.

The External Affairs officials were commenting on a charge in Parliament on Thursday night by Major-General G. R. Pearkes that Canada is guilty of supply war materials to both sides in the Chinese civil war.—United Press.

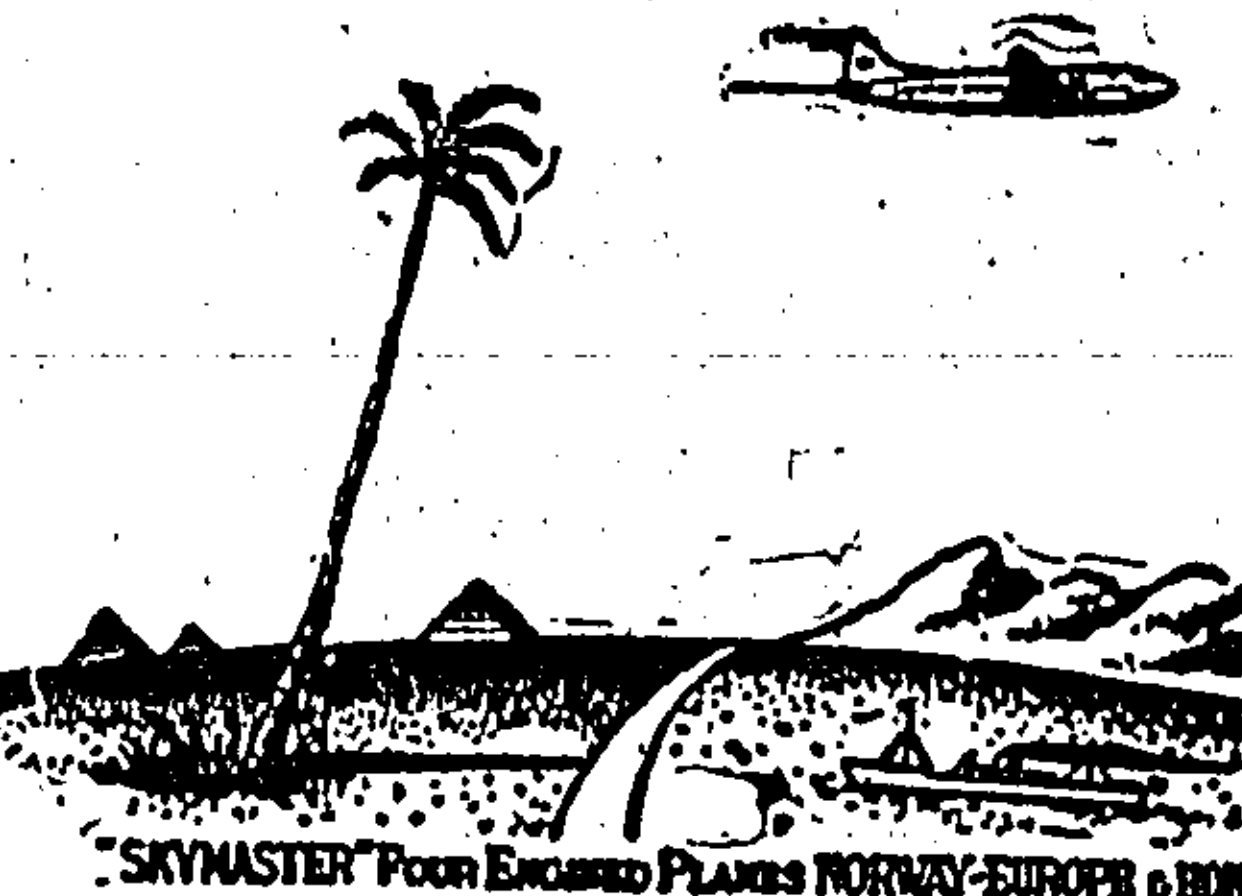
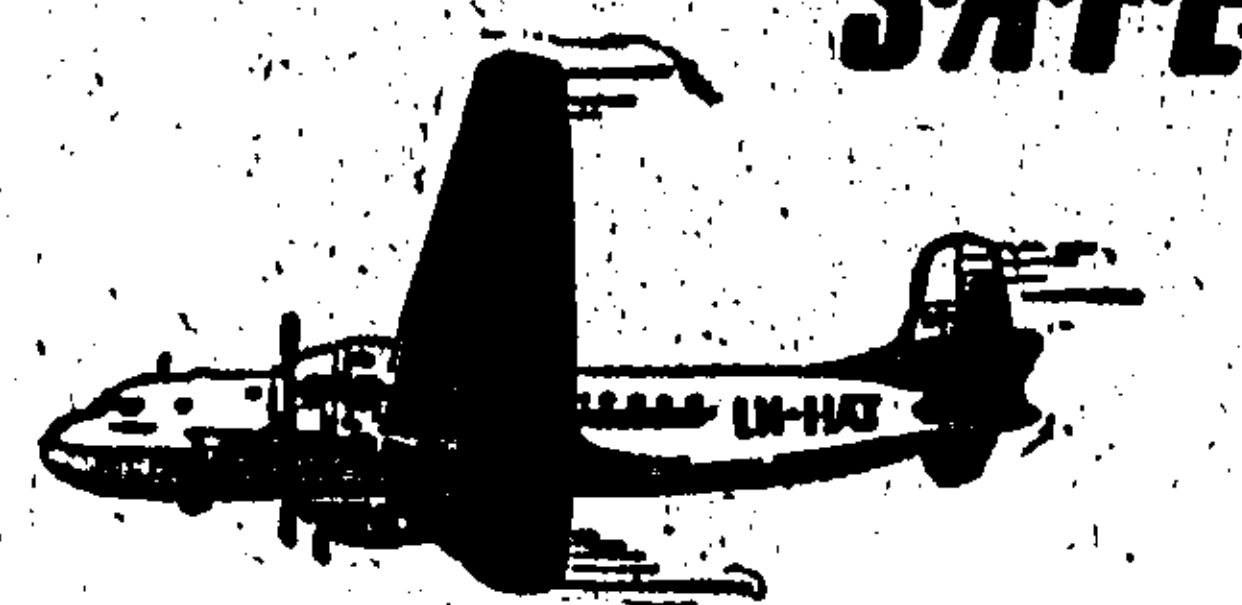
AMBON MUTINY QUELLED

Jakarta, March 31.

Dutch Army headquarters announced today that a mutiny of Indonesian soldiers still serving with the Dutch on Ambon Island had been quelled, and the Dutch Commander of the island relieved of his post.

The rebellion was reported on Tuesday and was said to have been serious. Details are still not available. Major-General J. J. Mollet, who flew to Ambon to make a first-hand investigation, returned today. A communique on his findings will be issued later.—Associated Press.

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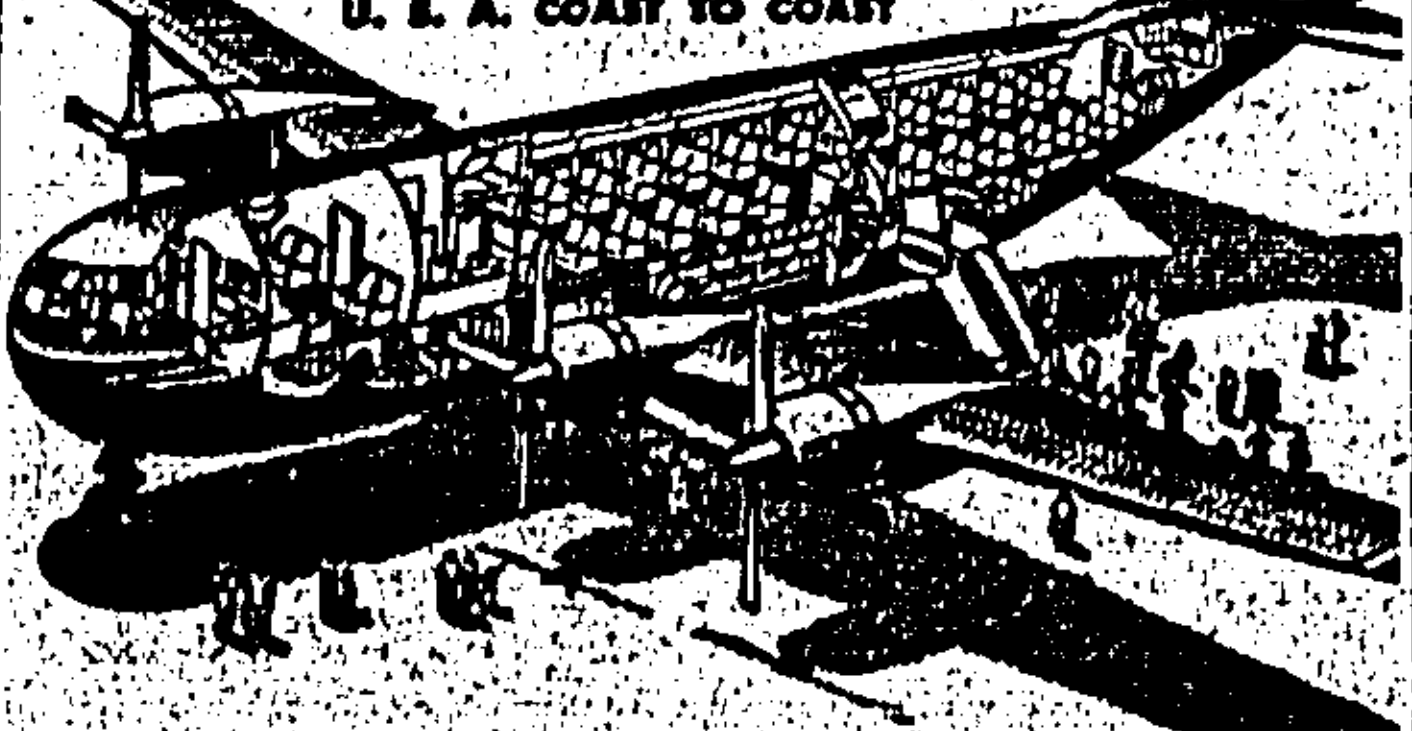
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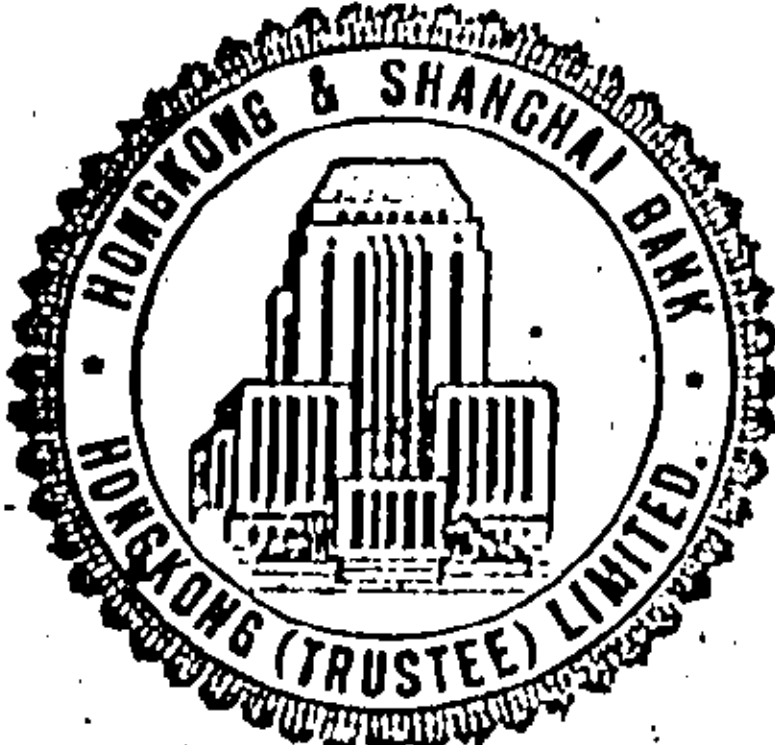
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That is what Arthur Marquis did. He pursued him with all the resources of Scotland Yard. But Arthur Marquis simply disappeared as though all the machinery of justice had failed. Then fate took a hand and gave the story a strange twist as any that a novelist has invented.

Everybody liked young Mr. Marquis. His friendly eyes twinkled. And in three hard-working years he had inflated British Cocoa Pools Limited from a back room into a suite of prosperous West End offices, with nearly £50,000 capital.

He worked hard and played hard, was lavish with money.

I noticed him one evening in Clissold's. "Who's that fair-haired young man with all that easy money?" I asked. My waiter, old Marcel, chuckled paternally. "Ah, you may save your time, Inspector. Since two years I invest my savings in Cocoa Pools—always the dividend!"

The old waiter was merely one of hundreds of small shareholders in Cocoa Pools. They bought "Unit Certificates" for £20 each. Mr. Marquis used the ready cash to make bulk purchases of cocoa at discount.

Phone rang in empty office

Every three months each £20 Unit-holder received £3 bonus. "When you get your £20 back?" I asked. Old Marcel shrugged. "Whenever you wish—but I do not wish my £20 back—instant I buy more Units!" It seemed too good to be true. A few days later I happened to drop in at the dusty, backstairs office of a cocoa merchant I knew.

"With luck and wisdom, could a cocoa buyer pay 60 per cent dividend and himself live like a rajah?" I asked. The merchant sighed. "I have never known such a one, my friend!"

Yet there were no complaints. There was nothing to be done. And a few more months went by. Then in autumn of 1936, the bright, popular young director of British Cocoa Pools Limited sailed for a holiday in Paris.

He did not return. No more dividends were paid. Clients waited, wondering. Then they telephoned the ornate offices of Mr. Arthur Marquis.

The phone bell jangled in empty rooms. Mr. Marquis got away with £25,000, disappeared he had never bought cocoa shipments. All "dividends" were paid from investors' own money.

In these days of 1936 the Continent was a wide and difficult place in which to seek a tricky young fraudster with £25,000 to burn for smoke-screen.

One day I picked up a copy of a society magazine—saw that unmistakable perky smile, serene eyes of Arthur Marquis under a fur parka on a St. Moritz ski-lift!

A radio message to Geneva—but too late. The grinning youngascal had slipped into Spain, the afternoon before a Swiss police official visited his hotel.

And in Spain, that February of 1937, there was not much the police could do. Franco's troops were storming Madrid. Stuka bombers whined and snarled over the wrecked vineyards of Granada.

Came back after three years

I could imagine the triumphant young Marquis basking in sunlit Barcelona with a cop of red wine. Each time I went to Clissold's, saw the old waiter Marcel growing every year more shabby and slow. I thought of that little swindler Marquis, splashing away an old man's savings over-spending, over-trusting as his kind invariably do, in a frantic scramble

to make themselves seem "important" to pot-boys, bar loungers, chambermaids.

Three years later, on a windy April morning of 1939, the phone rang in Vine Street CID office. "Newhaven police here—we have a man in custody—Arthur Marquis—stowaway on a boat from Spain."

I went at once to Newhaven. Sunlight sparkled on the harbour. After three years of silk counter-

By
Superintendent
Robert Fabian

panes, stolen wines and sun-drenched hours, Mr. Arthur Marquis would soon have a bare wall to stare at, a shirt that itched his pumpered skin, and leisure to wonder if it had all been worth while.

I saw mangled
finger-ends

A little cold doubt came to me. This didn't sound like the man I was after. But I followed the Inspector down the cold stone steps. He creaked a key in the further iron door, and it swung slowly open.

Mr. Arthur Marquis did not stir from the brown blanket on which he sat. He wore dilapidated trousers. His shrivelled neck stuck like a tortoise's from a grey jersey much too big for him.

Both trousers and jersey were sturched with ancient grime. His hair was tangled, grey and lifeless as cellular cobwebs. His eyes beneath sagged, resinous lids were skinned by ruptured veins.

The Inspector was speaking: "...stowed away on a boat from Santander."

"But how did he get like this?" "What happened?" "Search me," said the Inspector. "We can't get anything out of him, except his name."

I helped to tidy Marquis as best we could, with a bit of Home Office soap and rough buckram towel. We clipped his beard and shaved him. He handled the razor so clumsily that I had to take it off him. Then I saw each of his fingers was a misshapen blob, like the used ends of sealing wax.

"Whatever happened to those?" I asked. He answered dully, disinterested. "They lifted my nails off with a knife-blade."

Smuggled from
death cell

The local police reserved a compartment for us on the next train. I bought two packets of sandwiches and two bottles of light ale. Marquis was still too unsavoury to be taken into the restaurant-car.

He snatched at the sandwiches, ripped at the bread and meat like a writhing grey vulture. My own appetite vanished. I gave him the other packet, too.

Then a cigarette. He wouldn't talk.

I got to Vine Street, stripped him and searched his repulsive clothing, as is customary with detained persons from abroad. He stood, thin ribs heaving, while I inspected the garments. In the folded sleeve of the filthy jersey, I detected two tiny objects.

They were bits of rice-paper, folded small as aspirin, and secured with criss-cross stitches to the wool.

I began to unfold them. The dulled eyes of Marquis blazed. "Be careful with those!" he said. Then he swallowed slowly.

"You see—my cell-mate wrote

those letters the morning before they shot him. I promised I'd get free—I'd post them."

While Marquis dressed, I unwrapped the crumpled letters and deciphered them. They were in Spanish. One was to the dear youth's mother, the other to his sweetheart. They were very similar:

"My dear,—if this letter reaches you it will be because I shall never have the joy of seeing you again. I have lived these past three years with that hope, to devote my life to your happiness. But God's will be done. Let my memory serve you as an incentive to live and be happy. Be assured that I have loved you dearly. During my imprisonment I have never felt alone for a moment, nor have I had an instant's despair, because I have had the consolation and encouragement of your affection. It has given me the purest and most marvellous happiness of my life. I have prepared myself to die as a Christian. So you see what a lot I shall owe you, for in this your love guided me. Jaco."

I looked at Marquis. "Where did you get these?" I demanded. He met my eyes with a flicker of his old self. "Post them for me," he said. "And I'll tell you."

"I would have posted them anyway," I said, giving him another cigarette, as soon as I was sure they were genuine.

Beaten up and robbed

"Well," said Marquis, "when I dodged into Spain from Switzerland I had about £22,000 with me." His bloodshot eyes were wishful. "In French and Spanish currency."

He told me he planned to drift towards Lisbon and get a boat to New York. But in Madrid, at a small cafe along the Carrera de San Geronimo, some partisans accused him of being a Franco spy.

It was not, perhaps, surprising. Few tourists were choosing Madrid that year.

Marquis was beaten senseless, robbed, awoken among rubble to find he was utterly naked—not even socks. He was bruised and gashed, his nose crushed into his cheeks.

The Madrid police locked him up, sent for British Legation officials, who found clothes for him, escorted him sympathetically back to his hotel room.

But the thieves had been there first, with his keys and papers. They had ransacked everything!

Two years in a
dungeon

Marquis knew he must get away from Madrid before the British Legation discovered too much about him. In his badly-fitting borrowed suit he hid aboard a night goods train, dropped off in the darkness.

It took him two days to find a mud farm. They gave him food, a little stock-yard, slept in the outhouse—then a patrol of Franco's men raided the farm, took him prisoner. They kept him a few days, then were themselves captured by Communist forces. Each side tortured Marquis a little to discover if he knew any more, then lost interest.

He was dumped in prison, shifted from one to the next aimlessly.

He spent two years in a crowded dungeon in Northern Spain. When Franco was ousted, found time to get his affairs organised, nobody could remember much about Marquis. To release him would have given him official status. So they merely put him to work in a field, and withdrew the guard.

He begged his way to Santander, stowed aboard a ship for England.

And that was all the good his swindle did him. He got three years' penal servitude at the Old Bailey. But that, I couldn't help feeling, was something of an anticlimax.

NEXT WEEK—Fabian tells of the hunt for the man who could swear in Arabic—the first gunman to hold up a West End jeweller's shop in broad daylight and walk away with a fortune in his pocket.

NEW YORK LETTER



Mr. Dean Acheson's speeches on the West Coast, in which he outlined the American stand in the cold war against Russia, fell roughly between the "Mission to Moscow" and the "Give 'em Hell" schools of thought on American foreign policy.

The first of these, which envisages a journey by Messrs. Truman and Clement Attlee to tell Stalin he really should do something about the international control of atomic energy, seems somewhat silly to most Americans now that Mr. Churchill has lost the election.

The second school of thought, which has its own extremes in golf clubs and Officers' messes far from target areas, found its most lucid expression this month in a book entitled "The Coming Defeat of Communism."

The author, Mr. James Burnham, starts from the thesis that we are already at war with the Russians, and that already it is "their neck or ours." Neither appeasement nor containment is good enough for Communism. It has to be destroyed, relentlessly and quickly, before it destroys us.

Two methods short
of atom bombs

But Mr. Burnham does not believe, with the armchair strategists mentioned above, that we should start dropping atom bombs. He believes there are two ways in which Soviet Communism might be rendered harmless without a conflict. He admits the second is more feasible.

Mr. Burnham's first idea is that Russia should be offered astronomical sums for "post-war development" in return for an agreement on international control of atomic energy (McMahon went this far). Immediate liquidation of the Communist Fifth Column throughout the world, the cessation of Cominform propaganda, the withdrawal of the Red Army inside the pre-1939 borders, the liberation of the satellites, and sufficient moderation of the internal Soviet structure to prevent "militarism."

Failing, such agreement, the U.S. should open "offensive, political-subversive warfare" against the Soviet Union.

A declaration of
economic war

Economic warfare should be opened against Soviet products, Soviet shipping and the Soviet currency. We should encourage technicians and scientists to escape to freedom, we should widen our intelligence network, foment strife behind the Iron Curtain, subsidise agents to buy off shaky Communist satellite leaders, organise

mutual refugees for intelligence and future guerrilla activity, and launch a redoubled propaganda drive to lay the Western viewpoint before the Russian people.

This, thinks Mr. Burnham, can be done without war.

Between these extremes Mr. Acheson and his Russia-experts, Mr. Kennan and Mr. Bohlen, have evolved the policy of containment outlined in California last week.

"However much we may sympathise with the Soviet citizens, who are obliged to live under it, we are not attempting to change the governmental and social structure of the Soviet Union," Mr. Acheson said. "Therefore if our two systems are to co-exist, some acceptable means must be found to free the world from the destructive tensions... of the past few years."

Steps that Russia
could take

The Secretary of State then laid down the steps Russia could take to ease these tensions. Peace treaties could be defined, the Red Army could be withdrawn from the satellite States, prisoners of war could be repatriated, the

Russian policy of obstruction in the UN could be halted, an agreement on international control of atomic energy could be reached. Cominform subversion of established governments could stop, diplomats could be treated properly and so on.

"We are always ready to discuss, to negotiate, to agree," Mr. Acheson went on, "but we are understandably loath to play the role of international sucker... What is required is genuine evidence in conduct, not just in words, of an intention to solve the immediate problems and remove the tensions. I see no evidence that the Soviet leaders will change their conduct until the progress of the free world convinces them they cannot retreat from a continuation of these tensions."

What the plan
will mean

It will involve the strengthening of the U.S. forces, despite President Truman's reluctance to increase the defence budget, and the uninterrupted flow of B.29s and newer planes, tanks and guns and so on to Europe.

It will involve an end to the inconsistency America has been guilty of in the past. It will mean a propaganda offensive, to show the South East Asians how such documents as the Russo-Chinese Assistance treaty are manifestations of the most insidious imperialism in history—the one that comes from within.

It will mean a determination not to be dismayed or deflected by Russian moves and counter-moves, just a solid initiative to make the free world go good to eye in that no one will want to have the Communists telling them to arise, unite and overthrow the citadels of capitalism.

NAMES IN LIGHTS

PAUL ROBESON was black-listed from MRS. ROOSEVELT's television programme after hundreds of letters were received in protest against his engagement. The decision brought even more letters, denouncing an attack on "freedom of expression."

THERESA BREWER'S "Music, Music, Music," has at last brought a London Label tune to the top of the American Hit Parade, but it is bringing us the kind of popularity received by the foreman of a pneumatic drill team alongside a bus queue. Is this city you cannot escape its stridentcy?

SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE, brilliant Caesar of Shaw's Broadway revival, "Caesar and Cleopatra," said he was deeply disturbed by the British criticism of American IRENE DUNNE's selection to play Queen Victoria in the forthcoming picture. He pointed out that American President Lincoln had been played by Canadian RAYMOND MASSEY, Woodrow Wilson by Canadian ALEXANDER KNOX and Franklin Roosevelt by GODFREY TEARLE.

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"LOOK TWICE" FASHION

By Christine Jackson

Who's the girl everyone looks at? The girl with twice the usual fashion sense, who is always suitably-beautifully dressed for any hour, any occasion. Men admire her for the way she can arrive trim and business-like at the office, to emerge at closing time as a glamorous lady of leisure. Never from her the you'll-have-to-give-me-an-hour-to-dress routine. She's always ready.

Her secret is the magic of the quick-change costume—the "Look Twice" fashions—one versatile outfit that can easily be worn at least two different ways.

With the advent of spring, the seersucker suit is an admirable "twice" with that wonderful, casual touch (so skillfully and painstakingly acquired) which is relaxed but never sloppy. Skirts are generally straight and slim, with side or back vents for slim, walking. Jackets are varied—some tailored, with matching patch pockets; others the beloved blouse-back style, with contrasting belt.

Worn as separates, the skirt doubles well with the new sleeveless blouse in contrasting cotton, linen or broderie anglaise—accessorised by white three-quarter gloves, white shoes and hat.

The coat is equally at home over a plain slub-linen skirt with contrasting bands of seersucker around the hem, or over matching slacks or peddle-pushers.

The shirtwaist dress

The shirtwaist dress also makes its debut in the "Look Twice" manner. Seen recently was a beige, bishop-sleeved, full blouse-top and matching skirt of silk tissue faille... an ideal A.M. fashion with accessories in the new deep berry shade—patent

In the absence of Janet Martin, who is away on holiday, Christine Jackson will give you your weekly fashion report on this page every Sunday.

leather sandals and belt, with bag in the same shade but in calf, for texture contrast. For the P.M. party effect, discard the jacket, and add a white Irish handkerchief, linen blouse with minute cap sleeves and Eton collar, pale beige sandals, a white straw turban and a silk-of-a-scarf in orange or bottle green.

The sun dress

The "turnabout" process is repeated for those who feel that the season is not yet with us for the bare, strapless day dress. Waffle piques, chambrays, linens, spun rayons and organdies accentuate this theme in pastels, with tiny boleros and capes buttoning on to make a complete ensemble. Waffle pique in pastel pink and aqua are a decided favourite.

with lemon yellow Maygashel linen a close follower.

A recent imported model in pastel pink crease-resisting rayon chintz featured a four-gored skirt, two large patch pockets, and a jumper top with wide straps, over which was worn a short bolero featuring a Chinese collar and turned back cuffs—the whole a day-into-night ensemble without the jacket and with the addition of two huge white carnations tucked into the belt at the waist.

U.S. as a woman sees it

There's trouble in the American home.

Sixty mothers gathered after the Child Study Association's annual conference in New York and agreed that television is making the small fry get out of hand.

Half these families had sets, others had neighbours to whose sets their children have access.

Only a few mothers thought that television stimulates the children's imagination. More complained that there was too much violence in the children's programmes, and that children were becoming television snobs who felt out of the running if they hadn't seen the favourite shows.

Worried parents said that children were becoming television mad. Even if their viewing was limited to an hour a day, the showing of favourite programmes clashed with the return of their fathers, and made quite a dent in family life.

Home work is being neglected too, say teachers.

One of them said that although mothers of pupils at her school had agreed to form a coalition and prevent their children sitting up late to view television, nothing had been done. "Mothers are afraid if they're too strict the children will reject them," said the teacher.

Another angle on television comes from Washington, where colour television tests have been causing excitement.

The National Gallery of Art broadcast over the experimental CBS colour system a programme designed to make art a living thing instead of a dusty collection of Old Masters.

Pictures by Cezanne, Renoir, Fragonard, Canaletto and others were broadcast in their original colours and were ingeniously linked to a modern interpretation.

A ballet danseuse executed the steps shown in the Renoir paintings and living models displayed the piquant costumes of Fragonard's works.

From the Paris spring collection



Jean Deslee uses ecru-coloured georgette, gunray-pleated and edged in glorified ruching in brown taffeta to make a 'fouffant' wrap-around skirt, short in front and long in back. A becoming stole looped to resemble a rose ties at one elbow, and a diamond rose by Vah Cluse and Arpels worn on a delicate diamond chain hugs the throat, to complete the ensemble.—Associated Press Photo.

Solving a problem

Two of the more depressing problems with which nearly every mother-to-be has to contend are how to obtain

suitable clothes without wrecking her husband's bank balance—and when she has bought or had them given to her, what to do with them when the baby is installed in the nursery.

Music in the mood of other paintings was performed by a lute player and singer, and folk dances in Dutch costumes brought a Jan Steen masterpiece right up to date.

I foresee some confusion in the boy-meets-girl-department.

Young men of 1950 are going to have trouble finding out if their dates are coming or going. Latest fashions worn by models at a New York fashion show had seams down the front instead of the back and were labelled "Front Liners."

Cobwebby lace nylons were also displayed which positively won't run even if you kneel around scrubbing the floor (but who would?)

One of the highlights was a pair of black-lace stockings made for and worn by Queen Victoria circa 1850.

They had the royal elphor perforated in the tops, which had large white silk loops like button holes attached.

Their length reminded one that the royal legs were both short and plump.

"Big feature of the show was coloured leather shoes in every shade of a pastel rainbow, worn with summer styles. This particular hostess house is putting out stockings not only in short, medium and long lengths to each also, but also size-adjusted to fit on thin legs. Anyone who has had to buy her stockings either long and sloppy or well-fitting and attenuated, I appreciate this move.

However, a book has just been published which not only provides an answer to practically every question which can present itself but one in which the author, Bernard del Monte, a master tailor and designer, shows how maternity clothes can be put into reverse, so to speak, and remade into attractive garments for ordinary wear when the time comes.

This little volume "Making Maternity and Baby Wear" (Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons Ltd., London) shows the reader how to make every garment which will be needed, from a swagger-coat to a dressing gown for the nursery, and from the first vest to a romper suit for the baby.

It is simply written, with instructions which may be easily followed even by the inexperienced needlewoman, and some excellent diagrams.

The photographs illustrating two of the finished garments are not so happy and it would not have been difficult to make these look more elegant. However, there are some good sketches which will enable the expert and the beginner to see what their finished garments should look like, and it is certainly one of the most helpful and useful books published on this all-important subject.



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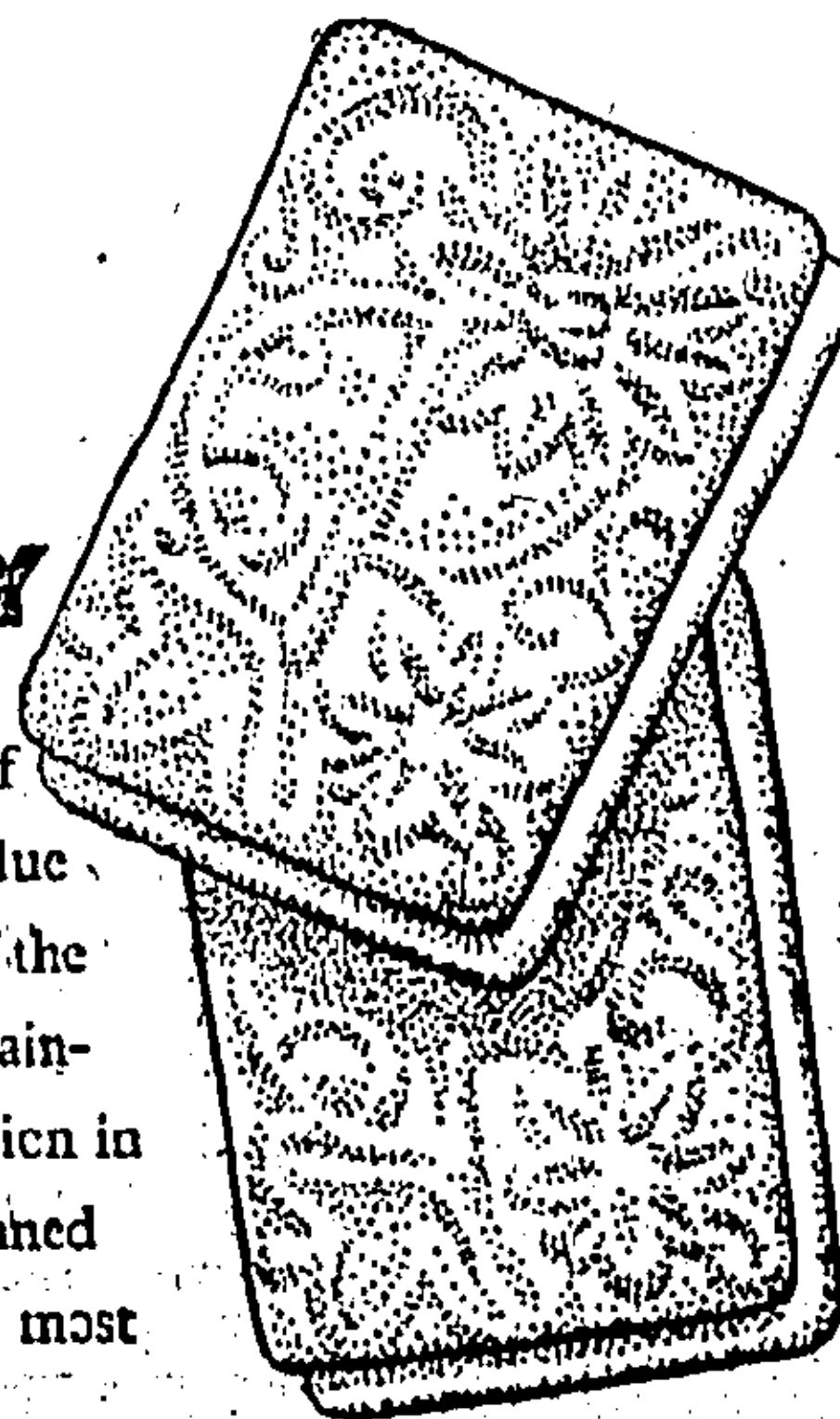
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Between Ourselves

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SKIN STIMULANTS

By Claudia

Among the whole range of beauty preparations, the pleasantest to use are the skin stimulants. These are the refreshing, delicately perfumed lotions, the skin fresheners, tonics and astringents, the friction lotions and toilet colognes which make you conscious of your skin—which make it feel young, alive and full of vitality.

That is why the skin stimulants are so very nice to use, but they do have an important part to play in the daily routine of skin care and it is essential to know just how and when to use them.

Pleasant to use, and a necessity to beauty—your beauty box is not complete without at least three types of stimulating lotion—for use on every part of the skin, from the scalp to the toes. The action of all skin stimulants is, to a greater or lesser degree, astringent. Their purpose is to brace the fine tissues of the outer skin, to contract the pores and to brisk up the circulation just below the skin surface, producing that live, tingling feeling which is so delightful and beneficial.

Importance stressed

In a climate where the pores of the skin have to put in so much overtime, it is unnecessary to stress the importance of having your skin tones in daily use to prevent the pores becoming over-relaxed and enlarged.

In choosing your tonic lotions, be careful never to buy anything which is too drastic for your particular type of skin. All astringents are slightly drying in their action on the skin, but this does no harm at all provided that you are also using a lubricating cream or skinfood at night. But stronger tonic than others. The toning lotion should be used after every cleansing—and always before applying make-up.

If your skin is fine and fair, rather inclined to dryness, your toning lotion should be of the very mildest, a light skin freshener or mild skin tonic. There are some makes which can be sprinkled into the rinsing water, very suitable for the delicate skin.

The acid test of suitability, by the way, is a very simple one: does the lotion produce a pleas-

sant, fresh, tingling sensation on the skin, or does it make the skin smart? The least suspicion that the lotion is far too strong for you and should never be used again.

For normal skins, the standard skin tonics or very mild astringent lotions are recommended... with the same proviso that they must never cause smarting. Stronger lotions may be used with discretion on coarser types of skin... always remembering that they may cause a little surface dryness even on an oily skin, and should be used in conjunction with a light emollient cream at night.

Toilet waters

Then there are all those lovely toilet waters, frictions, rubs and body lotions, without which no modern bathroom is complete. Sprinkle or spray over the body while it is still moist from the tub, then rub in from neck to toes. The rapid evaporation of the astringent spirit produces a delightfully cooling effect, more cooling and refreshing than the coldest of cold showers.

We are inclined to forget sometimes, that the skin continues right up over the head too—that the scalp should have its share of tonic treatment as well as the face and body.

Scalp friction lotions are now put high on the schedule of hair treatments. They keep the skin of the scalp clean and healthy, improving the texture and quality of the hair. These lotions can be rubbed in every few days, rubbed briskly into the scalp along partings spaced at half-inch intervals until the whole head is covered. They evaporate very quickly, taking only a few minutes to dry out.

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Bird cage hat



A real live bird in a real live cage forms the hat which teams up with this gold satin dress by Paris designer Tristan Maurice. The bird is a Bengali, and the bird of Paradise feather probably makes it feel at home. The mannequin dreamed up this headpiece to wear in a "Beauty and the Beast" contest.—AP Photo.

Lady with gray hair

By Sally Young

Most women dread gray hair. As Actress Irene Rich says, "It seems like the end of everything."

Gray hair caught up with Miss Rich about a year or so ago while she was in a "go back to nature" mood on her ranch. She had not seen near a beauty parlor for a while and her hair, which had been dyed auburn brown for years, came up from the roots a steel gray.

Just about that time an eye doctor had suggested bionics for the actress, and the combination seemed almost too much for the usually effervescent Miss Rich to laugh off. However, Irene is not one to brood for long.

She decided against the bionics.

Then she determined to find out what gray hair could do for her. The result has been sensational. Americans who have seen her in the stage show, "As the Girls Go," rave about her hair and her youthful appearance.

How did she achieve these results?

Quite simply by off-setting the aging qualities of gray hair with a very peppy, youthful hairstyle.

When her hair was brown, Irene wore it slicked close to the head and caught in a knot in back. For her new hairstyle she has cropped it to a length of two inches and she wears it in soft curls all over her head. The shortness of the hair blends in all unobtrusiveness of colour.

The actress cuts her own hair, gives herself permanents every three or four weeks, and puts it up in pin curls every night.

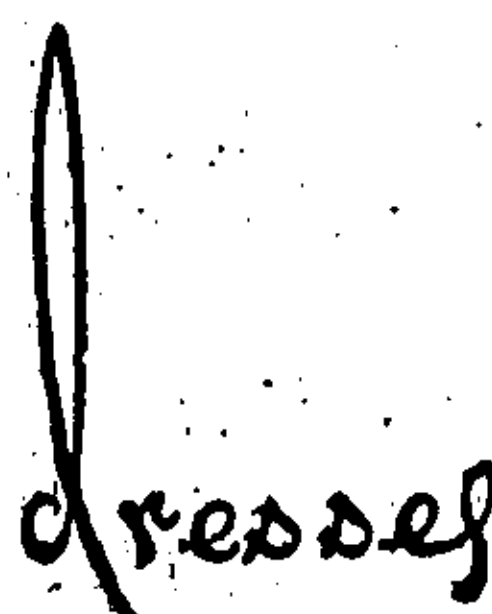
When it is brushed out the gray curls lend a halo-like effect to her face. To enhance this effect, Irene Rich makes one front lock especially white. After

washing her hair with mild castile soap (which she does every four or five days to get the grease point out of it) she applies a little peroxide to that lock. The peroxide is then washed out and a blue rinse is brushed on.

"Frankly, I've never had so much fun fixing my own hair," says the actress.

Miss Rich no longer feels that gray hair means good-bye to attention.

Renommée



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Ann Temple

Two marriages

We were students together 25 years ago. After teaching for a while she married and has lived in luxury ever since.

I, too, married, but through a series of misfortunes I had to go on working to support our two children. Now "Mildred" returns to the profession to be on the same staff with me, with a good many airs and graces and a showing-off of her marvellous clothes.

But she cuts me in the street. Unfortunately we travel up by the same bus every day. It's getting on my nerves. I feel the strain of not being able to cope with her audacity. What line of action should be taken with so perfect a snob?—NO SNOB.

If your luck were to change and you suddenly felt on top of the world you would give your perfect snob a broad grin across the bus. You would be tickled to death by her silly little pretences. You would be wondering what there was in her life to make the poor lay so vulnerable.

And how right you would be! But your own bad luck prevents you seeing the thing as it is. Still, it's good to know the blind spot is in your own eye. It helps a lot to be able to say: "One of these days I'll be able to see the funny side of this."

And one of these days you will too—if you keep on saying it. That broad grin of yours will be devastating when she meets it, because it will be genuine.

Mother says girls are too oncoming today. When she was young men did the courting and maidens were shy and retiring. I asked father how he came to marry if what he advanced she rejected. He said, "But your mother had the 'come hither' in her eye." Men like to hunt and it flatters women to be hunted. Do you think their ideas apply today?—DEB.

Basically they do. But you can leave mother out of it. The girl who has the come-hither in

her eye is sought without seeking in any age.

For the average girl today the pendulum has swung too far. The "maiden" has advanced. The young man has retreated.

With the appalling consequence that he now expects to be hunted. So it happens. And how I wish she was getting away from it. I don't know she exists, and the go-getters walk off with the prizes.

The girl of today has to come forward. And the more discreetly she does so the sooner will the pendulum swing back to its happier balance.

My 12-year-old daughter failed in the final exam, for her scholarship. She has lost all interest in trying again.

I am wondering whether to use the little money I have to send her to a better school. I have also a small son, and it doesn't seem fair to spend it all on one child.

All my in-laws and friends think it is terrible that she is not going to a better school. I don't want her to feel inferior to my friends' children when she grows up.—MOTHER.

Far more important than a better school for her now is a fore-look at what she will do when she leaves school. Thousands of children are not getting into the secondary schools, and from the point of view of a broad education for those who would benefit by it this is sad deprivation.

But there is at least this advantage in the primary schools. From these girls can go on to careers in salesmanship, dress-making, etc., which offer much better prospects than the openings for the majority of "black-coated" workers from the secondary schools.

It would be wise to save the money and spend some of it to help her through the initial training and apprenticeship years. If she has a satisfying job with prospects she has the antidote to "inferiority."

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VOTE FOR CUT IN AID FUND

Washington, March 31. The House of Representatives today voted tentatively to cut President Truman's \$45,000,000 Point Four programme to \$25,000,000.

The action, subject to a later roll-call vote, was inspired by an economy bloc representing members of both Parties.

The House also passed a resolution requiring all employees and officials engaged on the Point Four aid plans to help the world's backward peoples to be vetted first by a loyalty check of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The attack on the Point Four Programme was opened by Mr. Lawrence Smith (Republican Representative, Wisconsin) who said that it had been put forward by the Communists.

He introduced an amendment which would eliminate the programme from the Foreign Aid Bill.

Mr. E. Short (Republican Representative, Missouri) criticised what he called the professional uplifters and moral reformers who wanted to save the world.

"I've seen the world and I think it's too big for America to really save," he said.

The House reversed by 229 votes to 60 its earlier tentative decision to withhold Marshall Aid from Britain as long as Northern Ireland remained attached to the United Kingdom instead of joining the Republic of Eire.

The House also rejected a provision written into the Bill by the House Foreign Affairs Committee which would have reduced the cash allocation of the Marshall Plan and substituted an equivalent amount of American surplus farm products held by the Government.—Reuter.

LONDON STOCKS

London, March 31. British Government bonds were firm all along the line in a quiet session of the London Stock Exchange. Trading in other sectors was light and prices drifted mainly lower. Gains in the Government bond list ranged from 1/8 to 3/8 of a pound.

Financial Times' index 105.4.—Associated Press.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after April 9, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on April 6, 1950, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before May 2, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

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Peking claim of drop in prices

San Francisco, March 31. Peking Radio tonight reported a marked drop in the cost of living in Communist China. It said that during March food prices had achieved almost complete stability, a survey of market quotations showing that in many cities there was an actual fall of between five and 40 cent in the prices of millet, flour, rice, and Kaoliang (sorghum).

The Radio attributed this fall in prices to recent measures adopted by the Peking Government to centralise the financial and economic work of the State and of a nation-wide scheme to achieve uniformity in grain supply throughout Communist China.

The following food price details were also given:

Shanghai:—The price of rice remained stationary during the whole of March. Food stores were selling rice at 270,000 Communist dollars per picul, and State-owned stores Manchurian rice at five per cent lower than the market rate.

Hankow:—The price of rice fell by 25 per cent.

Siui:—The price of wheat dropped by 40 per cent.

Peking and Tientsin: The price of Manchurian kaoliang dropped by 10 per cent. The cost of millet delivered from the North West area dropped 30 per cent.

Changsha: The price of rice dropped by 17 per cent.

Mukden: The average price of grains dropped by eight per cent.

Pengpu (provincial capital of Anhwei): The price of rice dropped by 11 per cent.

Tsinan: The price of wheat fell by seven per cent.

One theory

Best estimates in Hong Kong are that famine is affecting 50,000,000 persons in Red China. Church and welfare organizations say 16,000,000 of these are actually starving.

Hong Kong sources suggest that the sudden switch in the Red propaganda line is designed to anticipate and minimise an embarrassing offer of help from the West. Their idea is that the Reds really would like to have some sort of international famine relief, but strictly on the quiet, so far as the Chinese public is concerned.

The recipients thus would be led to believe that their benefactors were the Communists alone.—Reuter and Associated Press.

PAKISTAN JUTE OFFER OPPOSED

Calcutta, March 31. The Jute Balers' Association of Calcutta today urged the Indian Commerce Minister, Mr. N. C. Nedy to not to enter into any barter agreement in jute and jute goods with Pakistan.

In a telegram to the Minister, the Association said that any such agreement would be harmful to the country's future trade.

Reports here yesterday said that Pakistan had offered India 800,000 bales of jute in exchange for 25,000 tons of jute goods.

The Association felt that if India kept a rigid attitude for a few months more, she would gain advantage in negotiations with Pakistan.

The Association suggested that Pakistan was offering India some of a huge quantity of low quality jute which was lying unused in Pakistan and which no other country would buy.

Accepting the deal—at a price higher than that prevailing in Pakistan—would mean India's acceptance of Pakistan's unduly enhanced currency ratio, the Association declared.—Reuter.

TIN OUTPUT

Washington, March 31. World tin production may exceed commercial consumption by about 45,000 tons in 1950 with further increases in future years, the State Department said today.

The Department released findings of an international study of the prospects just completed in Paris. The study indicated that a substantial amount of the excess production may be used by the U. S. for strategic stockpiling.—Associated Press.

Living costs rise in 23 countries.

Geneva, March 31. The cost of living rose during 1949 in 23 of the 34 countries listed in an International Labour Office review published here today.

The biggest increase was Austria—27.5 per cent.

Among other increases was Burma (Rangoon) with 3.5 per cent.

Countries in which falls were recorded between December, 1948, and December, 1949, included India (Bombay) 5.5 per cent, while Japan showed a rise of 4.7 per cent.

Between January, 1949, and January, 1950, the cost of living decreased 15.1 per cent in Indonesia (Jakarta).—Reuter.

COTTON OUTPUT IN CHINA

San Francisco, March 31. Muo Tse-tung's Government in Peking is aiming at a greater output of cotton this year. The target set is 238,000 tons more, Peking Radio reported tonight.

The People's Government has been distributing cotton seeds and supplying improved seeds to cotton growers throughout the country, the Radio said. Peasants who have no cotton seeds will receive seed loans from the Government before the sowing season begins.

Two thousand tons of seeds of high yield and long staple have been imported to bring more land under improved cotton production plans this year.

A total of 34 million hectares of land will be brought under cotton this year, 29 per cent more than last year. One-fifth of the cotton area will be planted with improved seeds.—Reuter.

WAGE INCREASE IN MALAYA

Singapore, March 31. Malaya's 300,000 rubber workers will get a 12 per cent wage increase from tomorrow.

A new pay agreement between the workers' Negotiating Committee and the Malayan Planting Industries Employers' Association follows a rise in rubber prices since Sterling devaluation last year.

The wage increase applies both to daily paid workers (about 160,000 of whom are Indians) and contract tappers, most of whom are Chinese.—Reuter.

Detroit, March 31. The United States Rubber Company today announced an increase in truck tyre prices, averaging five per cent. The increase is effective on April 5. An increase in the cost of component parts was given as the reason for the price rise.—Associated Press.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 31. Low-priced issues were favoured in a busy and erratic stock market today. At the close, gains outnumbered losses by a slim margin. Several radio television shares which have recently shot ahead of the rest of the market continued to gain.

Issues selling below \$20 a share, particularly in the airline and miscellaneous industrial divisions, also attracted support. Transfers 1,880,000 shares.

A total of 427 issues advanced and 395 declined.

Among gainers were American Broadcasting, Hupp Corporation, American Airlines, Sunray Oil, Pepsi-Cola, American Bosch, Paramount Pictures.

Down Jones averages:

Stocks	74.16
20 Industrials	208.05
15 Rails	54.83
10 Utilities	42.07

Closing quotations:

Adams Express	21 1/2
Alaska Juneau	2 1/2
American Can	115 1/2
American Smelting	51 1/4
American Telephone	154
American Tobacco	70 1/2
American Waterworks	28 1/2
Anacosta Copper	28 1/2
Aviation Corp.	7 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	10 1/2
Barnsdall	51 1/4
Bendix Aviation	41
Bethlehem Steel	33
Boeing Aircraft	50 1/2
Borden Co.	50 1/2
Canadian Pacific	14 1/2
J. I. Case	41 1/2
Chrysler	94 1/4
Colgate	44
Commercial Solvent	15 1/2
Corn Products	60 1/2
Du Pont	28 1/2
Eastman Kodak	45 1/2
General Electric	48 1/2
General Motors	78 1/2
Goodrich	83 1/2
Goodyear	50 1/2
Homestead Mining	44
International Harvester	28 1/2
International Paper	37 1/2
International Tel & Tel	13
Johns Manville	47 1/2
Kennecott Copper	50
Montgomery Ward	54 1/2
National Distillers	23
National Lead	39 1/2
New York Central	14
Packard Motors	3 1/2
Pan American Airways	10
Pennsylvania RR	17
Radio Corp.	18 1/2
Remington Rand	12 1/2
Republic Steel	25 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco	30
Schenley	30
Sears Roebuck	44 1/2
Shell Oil	37 1/2
Soco Vacuum	17 1/2
Southern Pacific	51 1/2
Standard Brands	23
Standard Oil of Calif.	68 1/2
Standard Oil of N.J.	69
Studebaker	28 1/2
Union Bag	28 1/2
Union Carbide	43
US Rubber	40 1/2
US Lines	16 1/2
Westinghouse	37 1/2
Youngtown Sheet & Tube	39 1/2

Gen. Pub. Utilities 17 1/2

Bonds were steady. Among curb gainers were Technicolor, Greco Petroleum, Lone Star Gas, Kirby Petroleum.—Associated Press.

NY RUBBER

New York, March 31. Crude rubber No. 1 futures closed 10 to 35 higher with sales of 50 contracts.

May	20.75
July	19.70 bid
September	19.25 - 30
December	18.75 bid

Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 20 1/2 nominal.—Associated Press.

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"SZECHUEN"	Kobe	8th Apr.	
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McTyeires succumb to Squaws 5-1

(By "GRANDSTAND")

McTyeires put up their best effort this season when they succumbed to the powerful Squaws only 5-1 in the Ladies Junior League game yesterday.

Black Arrows chalked up a two-run lead in the first inning of their Midnet game against the Mohawks, but failed to score further and were outplayed 9-2. Mike Lee's McTyeires' outfit showed considerable improvement after an absence of three weeks from the diamond.

New hurling discovery, Si Kwok, tossed with accuracy and walked none, while winning pitcher Virgil Gontales fanned three in the whole game, which took less than 45 minutes to complete—a rarity for a ladies game.

Squaw Carmen Souza boasted her batting average by connecting for two singles in four times at bat, while Nana Carvalho was the only other player to pull out more than one safety.

Joyce Guest, who burned up the base-paths in the early season with her series of base knocking, failed miserably again, to continue a four game hitting slump, which dropped her right out of the batting line-up.

Twin-killing

McTyeires tumbled once in the first inning when Donnie Chen stole home after the Squaws had executed a twin-killing, while the Squaws replied in their half with a pair of runs through two infield errors.

There was no further score until the fourth when Squaws forced ahead with a lone marker. Another in the fifth and sixth put the game on ice.

The M.V.P. ballot promises to be very close this year, as the selectors are finding it difficult to nominate their choice among the wealth of talent.

Prizes for the winners in both Divisions of the Series and Junior Leagues will be awarded by the "China Mail."

Umpires for today's Senior League play-off games who have been nominated last in the week are as follows:

1.00 p.m., Braves v Americans (Don Hobbs, Buster Hollands and Les Caster); 2.30 p.m., St. Joseph's v Jaguars, (Charlie Figueiredo, Cliff Flook and Carlos Yvanovich).

Treat for Sindhi children

Mr. Wadhwanji Dalamal, proprietor of the firm bearing his name, Messrs. Dalamal & Sons, has arranged a treat for the children of the local Sindhi community on Sunday, April 23, when a Sports-Social afternoon has been arranged.

Mr. F. T. Melwani, Vice-President of the Indian Recreation Club, and himself a very keen sportsman, is taking care of the programme for the afternoon. The sports meeting will be held, but in all probability it will take place at either the Indian Recreation Club, Soekunpo, or the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club, at King's Park.

Mr. Wadhwanji Dalamal has only been in the Colony for a short while but he has already proved himself one of the most active members of his community, both in social and sports circles.

LORD KILLEARN ON MALAYA

Lord Killearn, former British Special Commissioner in South East Asia, said in London today "The enemy are all over us in Malaya." Lord Killearn was speaking to reporters at London Airport on his return from a business trip to Malaya.

"This situation in Malaya is unpleasant," he said. "It is now much more than a bandit affair. It is a guerrilla warfare in any but the least. We must hold Malaya. It is the pivot of the Far East and the centre of world strategy."

—Reuter.

Forgotten men of soccer

(By Frank Swift)

The success of a club often depends on its ability to secure promising youngsters, who in future years will develop into star players. The discovery of these lads takes a keen and trained eye and most professional clubs employ special men to study the form of likely talent.

These men are known as scouts. The importance of their job cannot be over emphasised and yet their names seldom make the headlines.

They are not always popular visitors at the various grounds, although the time when they run the risk of being chucked in the local pond if discovered are happily gone.

The scout's biggest grievance is that when a player he recommends makes good, none of the credit is ever officially passed to him. His is a backstage job. It has been said that a good scout makes a manager look good; a manager without a good scout cannot hope to last.

Scouts are the eyes of the clubs they represent. It does not necessarily follow that a former player will automatically make a good scout.

Many well-known scouts have never taken an active part in the game, but results show that they are frequently grand judges of potential players.

Learn by experience

Competent scouts must always keep their eyes and ears open whenever football is discussed, whether it be League football or otherwise.

They learn by experience that footballers are found in the oddest places and in the line-up of what I might term "home made teams".

In this connection I like to listen to such scouts as Louis Rocco, of Manchester United, and Albert Kavanagh, of Manchester City, relating their experiences of watching players in outlandish

places.

—Reuter.

SINGAPORE COMIC STRIPS

Singapore, April 1. Mr. Nigel Morris, Chief of the Special Branch of the Singapore Police Force, has denied that the Singapore police have begun the seizure of Chinese Communist comic strips as reported yesterday.

Mr. Morris said that the report was "quite incorrect." Two detectives bought six copies of the comic strips on their own but there had never been any police seizures, he said, adding that the Singapore Commissioner of Police, Mr. R. R. Foulger, had not given any orders to the Force to seize the comic strips.

The Commissioner, Mr. Morris said, was contemplating action under the emergency regulations against the strips.

Mr. Morris said that the Secretary for Chinese Affairs was now studying the comic strips and if any were found to be undesirable he would pass them on to the Commissioner of Police for action. —Reuter.

N. Atlantic defence talks

The Hague, April 1. The U.S. Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, today set three objectives for the 12-nation North Atlantic defence programme.

"First, we seek to deter aggression, second, to defend ourselves, and finally, to defeat the aggressor if he forces war upon us," Mr. Johnson told the third session of defence ministers from the nations signing the North Atlantic treaty.

The ministers met here at Juliana barracks to adopt an overall unified military defence plan.

Mr. Johnson, opening the meeting of the ministers committee as its chairman, told his colleagues from Western Europe they were "exercising the right of all men to prepare to defend themselves."

Dutch Communists "called a peace meeting" to protest against Holland's part in the pact.

To prevent disorders police called out extra details. —Associated Press.

Darts League:

Dockyard still in lead

(By "Bullseye")

The Dockyard Charginmen are still leading by two points in Section 1 of the San Miguel Brewery Darts League, with 119 Bty. RA occupying second place with one game still in hand.

The Gunners are in a very favourable position, for should they win the last two games, they will be the Champions of this Section.

In Section 2, the 23 Field Regt. still lead by two points, although the result of their last match has not yet been received.

It seems very likely that they will finish at the top of this Section.

Results of matches played on March 24:

SECTION 1			
Java Bty & HKCTU 0	119 LAA Bty	15	10
RA 0	43 RM Commando 3	15	10
RA 0	24 Bty RA	15	10
RA 0	24 Bty RA	15	10
RA 0	24 Bty RA	15	10

Results of matches played on March 24:

SECTION 2			
14 Fld. Sqn RA	15	10	10
40 Div. Sqn RA	15	10	10
HQ 3. 27 Brigade HQ	15	10	10
HQ 3. 27 Brigade HQ	15	10	10

Results of matches played on March 24:

LEAGUE STANDING			
23 Fld. Regt. RA	15	10	10
23 Fld. Regt. RA	15	10	10
23 Fld. Regt. RA	15	10	10
23 Fld. Regt. RA	15	10	10

Results of matches played on March 24:

HEROIN FOUND IN APL LINER			
Customs officers seized US\$18,000 worth of heroin aboard the liner President Wilson last night—the largest seizure here in 10 years.			

The heroin packet was found hidden in the radio set in the crew's recreation hall. Officials said the heroin had apparently been obtained in Japan.

No arrests were made but the American Resident Lines operators of the ship, were fined US\$500 for carrying contraband.—United Press.

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"SCORPIONS" WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Army lose to RAF by 49 runs

The race for honours in the First Division of the Cricket League ended yesterday, with the Hong Kong Cricket Club "Scorpions" winning the Championship by virtue of Army's defeat at the hands of Royal Air Force by 49 runs at Soekunpo.

Army's downfall, after dismissing the RAF for 80 runs, was brought about by Tyrer, who captured seven Army wickets for nine runs in 7.1 overs, one of which was a maiden. The whole Army side was out for a paltry 31 runs.

The Hong Kong Cricket Club "Optimists" who entertained Club de Recreo at Chater Road, lost to their guests by 17 runs.

Hong Kong University, who visited Happy Valley for their game against Craigenower Cricket Club, were beaten by three wickets, while at King's Park, Royal Navy scored a fine two-wicket victory over Indian Recreation Club.

FIRST DIVISION

Army-RAF

In a low scoring First Division League cricket game at Soekunpo yesterday, the Royal Air Force beat Army by 49 runs.

The Army, who had first lease of the wicket, were all out for 80 runs. Tyrer being top-scorer with 20 runs. The only other batsmen to reach double figures were Cooper (12) and Madger (10 not out).

McKenzie took three wickets for 19 runs in seven overs while Cullen captured five for 38. Corfield took two for 14.

Set the task of obtaining 81 runs for victory, the Army batsmen fared miserably and were all back in the pavilion with only 31 runs on the scoreboard.

Not one of the Army batsmen reached double figures. Gravestone being highest scorer with seven runs.

Tyrer was in destructive mood with the ball for RAF and dismissed seven of the Army batsmen for nine runs in 7.1 overs, one of which was a maiden. Ball took four for 17 in seven overs, two of which were maidens.

RAF

Panton b Corfield	7
Dunn b Corfield	6
Cunnington lbw Cullen	0
Cooper c Haig b Cullen	12
Ball c Haig b Cullen	0
Gall b Cullen	0
Morris lbw McKenzie	0
Davenport b Cullen	0
Tyrer b McKenzie	20
Madger not out	10
Hirst b McKenzie	4
Extras	11
Total	80

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
Corfield	12	3	14	2
Cullen	18	4	38	5
McKenzie	7	0	19	3

Army

Darbyshire lbw Ball	0
Chamber b Tyrer	0
Tomline b Tyrer	0
Wilson b Tyrer	0
Maynard c Cunningham b Tyrer	2
Gravestone b Ball	7
Haig c Tyrer b Ball	2
McKenzie c Panton b Tyrer	8
Pierce c Dunn b Tyrer	0
Corfield not out	5
Cullen b Tyrer	5
Extras	5
Total	31

Bowling Analysis

O	M	R	W
Tyrer	7.3	1	7
Ball	7	2	17

"Optimists"—Recreo

Club de Recreo beat the Hong Kong Cricket Club "Optimists" by 17 runs in a First Division League cricket match at Chater Road yesterday.

Recreo batted first and knocking up 88 runs. E. L. Gosano being top-scorer with 18 runs. Beavers took three wickets for eight runs in 3.4 overs, while

Army claimed two for 14 in two overs. Pritchard captured three for 37.

In reply to the Recreo total of 88, the "Optimists" could only muster 69. H. H. Rinkins contributed 18 and M. S. Beavers 17. M. D. A. Remedios was the most successful Recreo bowler, taking two wickets for one run in two overs. G. N. Gosano dismissed three of the "Optimists" for 11 runs, while E. L. Gosano took two for 19.

Recreo

L. G. Gosano c Arthy b Pritchard	8
A. M. Prata c Nolan b Pritchard	7
G. N. Gosano c and b Pritchard	14
M. D. A. Remedios c Thissen-Ender b Beavers	18
P. M. N. da Silva c Arthy b Mulion	1
E. L. Gosano run out	15
A. M. Rodrigues c MacPherson b Arthy	0
H. L. Osofio c Thissen-Ender b Beavers	3
D. D. A. Remedios c Slagter b Arthy	0
N. A. Boitras not out	8
A. P. Pereira c MacPherson b Beavers	4
Extras	12
Total	88

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
Mahon	14	7	15	1
Pritchard	12	1	37	3
Beavers	3.4	0	8	3
Arthy	2	0	14	2

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Pereira	11	2	23	1
G. N. Gosano	12	7	11	3
E. L. Gosano	9	3	10	2
H. L. Osofio	4	0	8	1
L. G. Gosano	2	0	6	0
M. D. A. Remedios	2	1	1	2

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Ellis Kadoorie joint annual sports meeting

The Ellis Kadoorie (AM and PM) Schools held their first joint Annual Sports Meeting on Wednesday.

The Senior Championship was won by A. Mohamed, while Pun Man-kwan carried away the Junior Championship.

Among the large number of friends and guardians present were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kadoorie, Messrs. Lo, Ching-ming, Ackbar and F. M. el Arculi.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. C. C. Tong, on behalf of both Schools, thanked Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, Mr. Lo, Ching-ming, and many others for their generous contributions towards the prizes.

Mr. Tong also thanked the committee and members of the Indian Recreation Club for the loan of their ground for the occasion.

Mrs. Lawrence Kadoorie, who gave away the prizes, received three hearty cheers and a "tiger" from the gathering.

Results

The following are the results: High Jump (Senior): 1, Cheung Shu-shing; 2, Fung Kee-ning; 100 Yards (Senior): 1, Budd Said; 2, Ng King-cheong.

Arithmetic Race (Class 7): 1, Cheung Mung-kok; 2, Lack Man. 100 Yards (Junior): 1, Chow Hon-ho; 2, Hakin Hamid.

220 Yards (Senior): 1, Budd Said; 2, A. Mohamed.

Kicking the Football (Junior): 1, Yu Jit-kwan; 2, Wong Wah-kai; 400 Yards (Senior): 1, A. Mohamed; 2, Leo Ping-lun.

440 Yards (Junior): 1, Pun Man-kwan; 2, Wong Wah-kwan. High Jump (Junior): 1, Chow Hon-ho; 2, Siem Hon-cheong.

880 Yards (Junior): 1, Pun Man-kwan; 2, Wong Wah-kwan. Sack Race (Class 7): 1, A. A. Salim; 2, N. M. Hassan.

880 Yards (Senior): 1, Lee Ping-lun; 2, Yeung Ku-kui. Shot Put (Senior): 1, A. Mohamed; 2, Law Wing-cheong.

220 Yards (Junior): 1, A. M. Omar; 2, Kwok Chik-wai. Kicking the Football (Senior): 1, Yeung Kwok-hung; 2, Fung Koo-ling.

80 Yards (Class 8): 1, Mohamed Hamid; 2, Fakim Rahman; 3, Kan Siu-chow.

50 Yards (Class 9): (Handicap) 1, A. O. Salim; 2, A. M. Hamid. Three Legged Race (Class 8): 1, Woo Chio-hung and Lai Shu-kuang; 2, Kan Yuel-ming and Ali Sakai.

Shot Put (Junior): 1, Siem Hon-cheong; 2, Pun Man-kwan. Inter Class Relay (Junior): 1, Class 5A P.M.; 2, Class 5B P.M.

Consolation 220 Yards (Junior): 1, M. Sardick; 2, Aladin Ismail. Consolation 220 Yards (Senior): 1, Chan Ying-tim; 2, Chan Nai-kwan.

Nomination Race (Old Boys): 1, Chan Wai-man; 2, Yeung Kwong-wing.

Needle and Thread Race (Guards): 1, Miss Yeung and Mr. Mancho Ram; 2, Mrs. Lui Honchuen and Mr. F. Khan.

100 Yards (Teachers): 1, Ng Yee-lak; 2, Yeung Wui-chai. Senior Champion—A. Mohamed. Junior Champion—Pun Man-kwan.

Class Champion—Class 4.

SECOND DIVISION

Royal Navy-KCC

Entertaining Royal Navy in a Second Division League cricket match at Cox's Road yesterday, Kowloon Cricket Club lost to their guests by 11 runs.

Royal Navy, who had first lease of the wicket and knocked up 109 runs for nine wickets declared, A. A. Abbas, opening bat, contributing 80 to the total.

L. W. Step was the most effective of the Navy bowlers, taking four wickets for 11 runs. Fitchett also captured four wickets, but gave away 21 runs.

The sailors replied to the IRC total with 112 for eight, Fitchett, who came off with the ball, also did well with the bat, knocking up 42 runs not out.

Kitchell took two wickets for 11 runs.

A. A. Abbas b Fitchett	50
A. A. Abbas c Brown b Fitchett	1
A. R. Kitchell b Fitchett	6
I. Ali b Step	1
A. J. Minu b Fitchett	9
A. Jaffar c and b Step	9
N. Razack c and b Step	13
I. Omar, not out	7
U. Mohddeen b Step	2
A. R. Marker, c and b Morgan	0
Extras	11
Total (for nine wks.)	109

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SPORTS SECTION

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Soccer:

KIT CHEE ANNEX SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Kit Chee annexed the Senior Championship of the Hong Kong Football League for the 1949/1950 season yesterday when they received two points from Kwong Wah.

Kwong Wah were unable to field a full team for their fixture against the Champions at Causeway Bay and it was decided, after Kwong Wah had agreed to forfeit the points, that a friendly game be played.

Kowloon Motor Bus, who entertained the Royal Navy at Boundary Street, were given a rude shock by the sailors, and forced to share six goals, after holding a comfortable two goal lead until almost the end of the game.

At Happy Valley, St. Joseph's beat Club by three goals to two, after being led 2-1 at the interval. In the course of this game, Mullen of the Club was rendered unconscious while heading the ball and had to be carried off the field.

The match at Sookunpo between the Commandos and Eastern ended in a win for the Commandos by two clear goals. In this game, the Chinese were inclined to play the man rather than the ball and the referee had occasion to warn seven of their players.

FIRST DIVISION

St. Joseph's 3—Club 2

In an evenly contested First Division League soccer game at Happy Valley yesterday, St. Joseph's beat Club by three goals to two.

Trailing behind by one goal at the interval, the Saints netted two quick goals on resumption after Mullen of the Club had been carried off the field, having been knocked unconscious while heading the ball.

Hsu King-seng, who played in goal for the Saints, gave a good performance and had no chance with the two shots which went past him, one of which was from a penalty.

The Club possessed a better balanced forward line than the Saints, while in the defence, Barber played a grand game.

From the kick-off, the Saints attacked, but their efforts to break through were repulsed by Barber.

Wide of mark

In the course of one of their raids on the Club goal, Castillo came near—scoring—for the Saints, but after drawing Brown from his charge, he tapped the ball wide of the mark.

Club settled down and for a full 10 minutes the Saints were forced on the defensive. Club's first goal came through Bickford's efforts. Speeding down the wing on a pass, he beat St. Joseph's goalkeeper, Hurriel, who was in possession, missed the ball, but Henderson, cutting in, beat Hsu King-seng with a terrific drive.

Not long afterwards, the Club were awarded a penalty after Mullen was fouled inside the area. Mullen, who was entrusted with the spot kick, netted to put Club further in the lead.

After the Saints had made several unsuccessful efforts to reduce the arrears, they were awarded a penalty for "hands." Castillo took the spot kick and beat Brown with a neat effort.

At the interval, the score was 2-1 in favour of the Club.

Club take initiative

Club took the initiative from the re-start and gave the St. Joseph's defence a gruelling time, but Leonard, ably assisted by Rocha, held the opposing attack at bay.

A period of even play followed and during this period, Mullen was injured after heading the ball and had to be carried off the field. Playing 10 men, the Club strengthened their defence, Bickford dropping back.

The Saints levelled the score when Castillo netted from a perfect pass by Xavier on the right.

Within five minutes from the time this goal was scored, the Saints took the lead through Xavier, who beat Brown with a powerful drive after a clever forward movement.

From this stage onwards, the Saints did most of the attacking, but the final whistle came without any further scoring.

Club: Brown, Roberts, Barker, Gledhill, Barber, Mullen, Henderson, Anderson, Hurriel, McClaughan and Bickford.

St. Joseph's: Hsu King-seng, Rocha, Cheng Yin-ching, Sit Fui-yin, Leonard, Cheong Sang-yeo, Xavier, Brown, Castillo, Pickering and Kam Luk-sang.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION	
Club	2 St. Joseph's 3
KMB	3 Royal Navy 3
Commandos	2 Eastern 0
SECOND DIVISION	
Dockyard	0 Club 5
Prisoners	0 Club 2
Army	0 Police 2
Chinese AA	0 Royal Navy 2
University	1 Solicitor's 7

FRIENDLY

Kwong Wah 1 Kit Chee 4

KMB 3—Royal Navy 3

Kowloon Motor Bus received a rude shock yesterday when they were forced to share six goals with a vastly improved Royal Navy XI in a First Division League soccer encounter at Boundary Street.

Actually, on the run of play KMB should have taken both points. However, the Navy, although two goals behind five minutes from time, used shock tactics and, catching the busmen napping, scored two goals within a matter of minutes at a free kick awarded them against Hung King-yuk for blocking just outside the penalty area. McGuinness, scored with a terrific drive.

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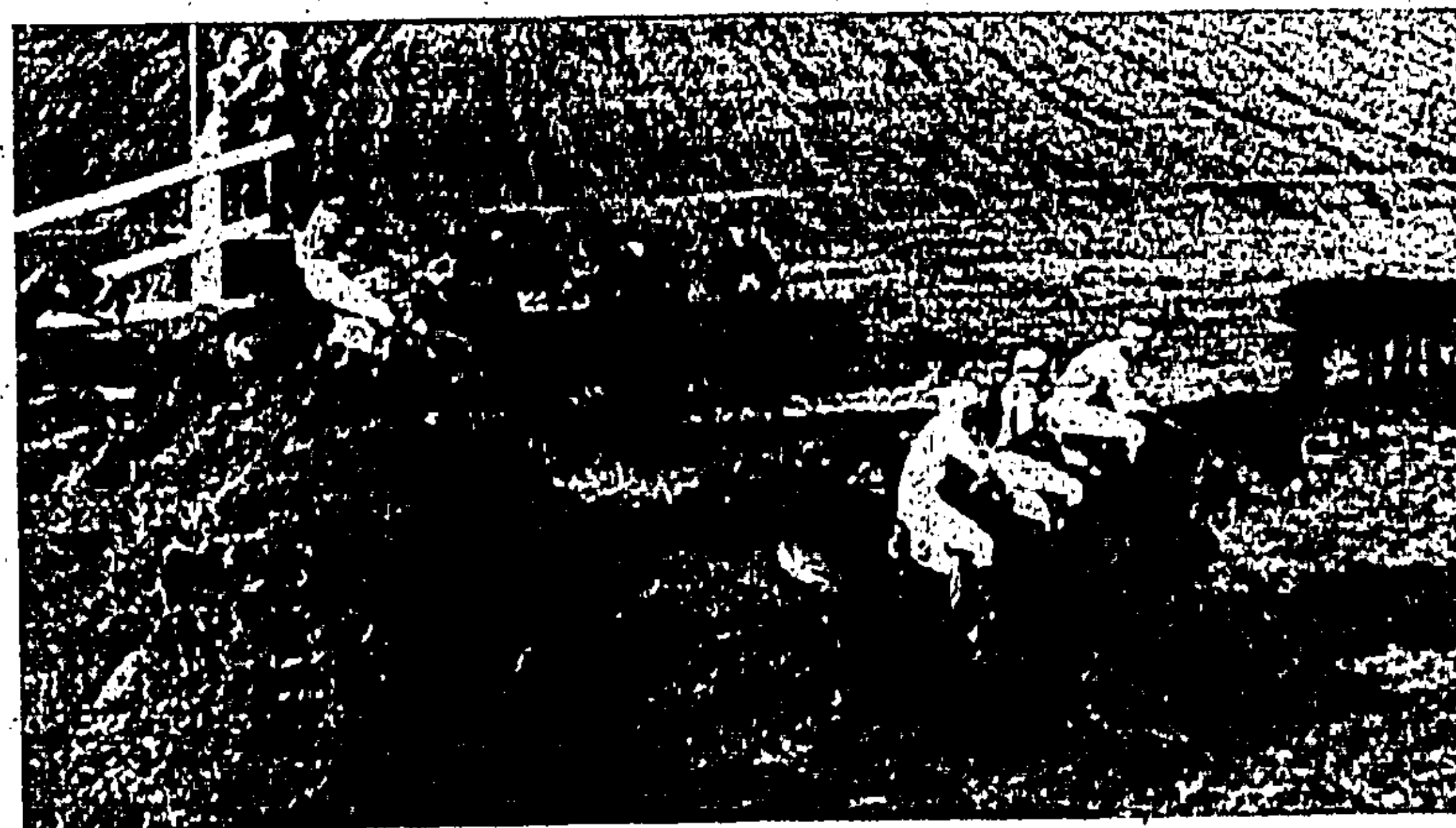
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GRAND NATIONAL



Hidden by Jimmy Power, Mrs. Laislin Brotherton's Freebooter won the Grand National, gruelling 4 1/2 mile Steeplechase, at Aintree, Liverpool. Photo, taken at the 15th obstacle, shows, left to right, Princess Elizabeth's Monaveen, A. C. Seely's Rowland Roy, S. P. Williamson's Foxley II and an unidentified horse. Closely trailing these four over the jump was Freebooter, who came up strongly to win.—Associated Press Photo.

Hockey:

HK meet Macao in Interport today

The Macao Interport hockey team arrived here early yesterday morning and was met by officials of the Hong Kong Hockey Association.

The Macao team, comprising 21 members, is in the pink of condition and a first class game is assured this afternoon, when the cream of Macao hockey talent meets a Colony All-Star XI at the RNRC ground at King's Park at 4 p.m.

Soccer:

MEMORIAL CUP FINAL

Main attraction on the soccer programme today will be the final game in the Memorial Cup Competition between the Army and Combined-Chinese.

This game, which is expected to attract a very large following, will be played at Boundary Street, kick-off 4.30 p.m.

As a curtain-raiser, the Reserves will meet a Combined Press XI in their annual fixture, kick-off 3 p.m.

The Chinese have selected a very strong team for the Memorial Cup game against Army and have indicated that they are going out to win this coveted trophy.

The exact composition of the Army side is not yet known, but whatever it is, spectators can be assured of a rousing game, as the soldiers are always at their best when the opposition is stiffest.

The game is for 90 minutes duration, with an extra 10 minutes each way in the event of a draw at full time.

On conclusion of the game, the Cup will be presented to the winning team by Brigadier Hardy.

The following is today's soccer programme:—

MEMORIAL CUP FINAL
Army v Chinese; Boundary St., 4.30 p.m. Referee: W. Gaffney; Linesmen: P. A. Mooney and G. H. Aindow.

2nd Division
Talkoo v News Vendors; Club, 3.30 p.m. Referee: G. T. Grummitt.

Kit Chee v Yard Police; Club, 6 p.m. Referee: P. J. Roach.

South China v St. Joseph's; Caroline Hill, 5 p.m. Referee: A. Leck.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL
New York, March 31.

Exhibition baseball results:
New York: American 6, Boston, National 7.

Eastern: American 6, Cincinnati, National 5.
Brooklyn: National 5, Montreal, International League 6.

Pittsburgh: National 11, New York, National 11.
Chicago: National 11, Cleveland, American 6.

Chicago: American 3, St. Louis, American 3.
Cleveland: American 3, St. Louis, American 3.

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Soong Ling-sing plays again

Soong Ling-sing, a popular Chinese centre-half, who was badly injured while playing in a soccer match against the Koreans early last year and has been out of the game since, turned out for Kit Chee in their match against Kwong Wah yesterday.

A fairly large crowd attended at Causeway Bay specially for the purpose of seeing Soong play once again and when he took the field, he was warmly applauded.

Although he was never really tested, Soong showed that he has lost none of his erstwhile skill.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, April 1.
The following were the results of football matches played today:

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	4 Manchester C. 1
Birmingham	0 Newcastle U. 2
Bolton W.	2 Fulham 1
Burnley	0 Wolves 1
Chelsea	3 Huddersfield 1
Derby County	0 Blackpool 0
Liverpool	1 Charlton A. 0
Manchester U.	1 Everton 0
Stoke City	0 Portsmouth 1
Sunderland	2 Aston Villa 1
West Brom	0 Middlesbrough 3

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley	1 Hull City 1
Covey C.	3 Plymouth A. 0
Grimsby T.	0 Cardiff C. 0
Leeds U.	0 Bradford 0
Luton Town	0 Sheffield W. 0
Preston	3 Burny 1
Queen's Park	0 Tottenham 0
Sheffield U.	4 Blackburn R. 2
Southampton	1 Chesterfield 0
Swansea T.	0 Leicester C. 2
West Ham	2 Brentford 2

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Aldershot	3 Bristol R. 1
Brighton & H.	0 Exeter C. 0
Exeter C.	0 Leyton C. 0
Millwall	0 Port Vale 0
Newport	1 Reading 1
Northampton	2 Crystal P. 2
Notts Forest	3 Bournemouth 0
Norwich C.	2 Watford 1
Swindon T.	1 Notts Co. 1
Torquay	2 Southend 2
Walsall	1 Ipswich 4

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Bradford C.	0 Lincoln 1
Chesham	1 Barrow 0
Darlington	0 Accrington 0
Doncaster	1 York City 1
Gateshead	2 Oldham 0
Hullfax	1 Carlisle 1
Hartlepool	3 Wrexham 1
New Brighton	1 Mansfield 2
Rochdale	1 Rotherham 0
Southport	2 Crewe 2
Stockport	2 Tranmere 1

SCOTTISH CUP

Queen's Park	0 South 1
Partick	1 East Fife 2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "A"

Aberdeen	1 Falkirk 2
Dundee	3 Hibernian 1
Stirling A.	3 St. Johnstone 0
Albion R.	2 Dumbarton 0
Arbroath	2 Dunfermline 1
Cowdenbeath	3 Kilmarnock 0
Forfar A.	3 Queen's Park 4
Greenock	1 Dumbarton 0
Stirling A.	1 Airdrie 1

OTHER MATCHES

Dundee	0 St. Mirren 0
Dundee	1 Brechin C. 3
Avon U.	3 Clyde 3

Cambridge beat Oxford in boat race

London, April 1.
Cambridge, leading almost throughout, won the University boat race, rowed from Putney to Mortlake today for the fourth successive year, beating Oxford by three and a half lengths. Apart from the first few strokes, when Oxford were in front, Cambridge always led their rivals and covered the four and a quarter miles in 20 minutes and 15 seconds.

Oxford won the toss for stations and chose the Surrey side. Some experts thought Oxford would prefer the Midsessex station if their president called correctly.

Oxford's president was evidently banking on his crew getting a quick start and getting sufficiently far ahead by the half way mark to take their opponents water.

Christopher Davidge of Oxford, unable to stroke his crew owing to illness, tossed the coin and his rival president, Macleod called wrongly.

Thus the first round, went to the "underdogs."

Experts said the Light Blues wanted to win the toss to take the Surrey side, which was said to suit them much better. Some thought Davidge might have taken the Surrey station to prevent Cambridge getting it.

The wind was fresh as the crews embarked, Oxford first. With the Surrey station they were the more sheltered at the start. It was now cloudy and the water popply with a stiffish westerly breeze. The tide was not very strong.

Slightly ahead
Oxford were slightly ahead after the first few strokes. Cambridge, however, were soon up level with their rivals and then had a few feet advantage. Oxford were rowing 38 over the first minute and Cambridge 36.

After three quarters of a mile, the crews were practically level with Oxford, perhaps a few feet in front. Some experts estimated well, better than Cambridge in this rough water.

Then it was Cambridge's turn to get slightly ahead but there was nothing in it yet.

At the mile post, Cambridge led by about a quarter of a length in four minutes and 16 seconds. In some ways, the record. Both crews were rowing 32.

At Hammermill Bridge after going about a mile and five-eighths, Cambridge shot under the middle arch about one length ahead of their rivals. Cambridge's time was seven minutes and 39 seconds water and the record. Both crews were rowing 32.

After going halfway, Oxford picked up a little and were now only half a length behind the leaders. Both crews were rowing close to each other and blades almost touched. Both were stroking just under 32.

Smoother water
As the crews reached the three mile mark, Cambridge were a good length in front. Here they met smoother water and the Cambridge crew began to make headway.

As they went along Duke's Meadows with less than a mile to go, Oxford tried to spur but could make little impression upon the Light Blues.

Cambridge, putting in a few extra "tens" went further ahead which Cambridge reached in 18 minutes and 41 seconds. There they had a lead of some three lengths.

Oxford were sticking grimly to their task though now in a hopeless position. The Cambridge eight, rowing strongly, won by about four lengths. The official distance was three and a half lengths and the time for the winners was 20 minutes and 15 seconds.

It was the 90th race between the two universities and Cambridge have now won 62 to Oxford's 43 with one deadheat.

Cambridge, the warm favourite for the race, finished quite fresh but the men from Oxford were plainly distressed. Their stroke Vancanagh was in a state of collapse as his shell went past the winning post.

Oxford did well
Everyone agreed that Oxford had done well to hold the Cambridge crew as they did. They made the favourites row from the start to the finish with only a chance of an easy victory.

Both crews stroked around 32 throughout the race, a very high rate considering the prevailing conditions.

From the half-way mark, Cambridge did not allow their rivals to get nearer than half a length.

Indeed, it was not until the last mile that the Light Blues gained a commanding lead of two lengths which they held to the finish.

Official experience and strength then told as the experts had predicted and they roared past the finish line, comfortable winners.

South China win Athletic Meet
The South China Athletic Association and Army held an Athletic Sports Meet at Caroline Hill yesterday.

SCAA finished off with 88 points, while Army obtained 55 points.

Results were as follows:—
100 Metres: 1. Coverman (Army) (11.6 secs.); 2. Ng Yuen-tsook (SCAA); 3. Ho Tak-pang (SCAA).

400 Metres: 1. Lo Wing-chuen (SCAA) (58.8 secs.); 2. Woo Chung-hoi (SCAA); 3. Li Bartlett (Army); 4. Pte. Hurry (Army).

800 Metres: 1. Capt. Phillips (Army) (2 mins. 13 secs.); 2. Pte. Crocker (Army); 3. Wong Chung-lun (SCAA); 4. Siu Chai-ping (SCAA).

1500 Metres: 1. Phillips (Army) (4 mins. 33.8 secs.); 2. Wong Chung-lun (SCAA); 3. Lee Kwai-chun (SCAA); 4. Pte. Hurry (Army).

5000 Metres: 1. Lau Man-ngau (SCAA) (15 mins. 54.1 secs.); 2. Smith (Army); 3. Holdsworth (Army).

1200 Metres: 1. Major Skipworth (Army) (17 secs.); 2. Chan Wai-lam (SCAA); 3. Hanley (Army); 4. Ho Man-yuen (SCAA).

4 x 100 Metres: 1. SCAA (48.2 secs.); 2. Major Skipworth (Army) (17 secs.); 2. Chan Wai-lam (SCAA); 3. Hanley (Army); 4. Ho Man-yuen (SCAA).

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